



Almanac

FOR The Reformed Church

IN THE
UNITED STATES

FOR THE YEAR OF OUR
LORD

1881



QUESTION.—What is thy only comfort in life and death?

ANSWER.—That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ, who, with His precious blood, hath fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me, that, without the will of my Heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation: and therefore, by His Holy Spirit. He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready henceforth to live unto Him.

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Almanac for the Year of our Lord 1896, being a Leap Year of 366 days.

MOON'S SIGNS.				PLANETS AND ASPECTS.			
 New Moon.	 First Quarter.	 Full Moon.	 Last Quarter.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Saturn.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Mars.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Venus.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Moon.
				$\frac{1}{2}$ Jupiter.	\odot Sun.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Mercury.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Herschel.
δ Conjunction, or planets in the same longitude.				\square Quartile, when they are 90 degrees distant.			
\oplus Sextile, when they are 60 degrees apart.				\triangle Trine, when they are 120 degrees distant.			
δ Opposition, when they are 180 degrees distant.							

CHRONOLOGICAL CYCLES.

Dominical Letters, E. D.	Epact, 15	Roman Indiction, 9
Lunar Cycle, 16	Solar Cycle, 1	Julian Period, 6609
The Jewish Era, with their 5657th year, commences on the 8th of September, 1896.		
The Mohammedan Era, with their 1314th year, commences on the 12th of June, 1896.		

MOVABLE FESTIVALS.

Septuagesima Sunday, Feb. 2.	Mid Lent Sunday, March 15.	Ascension Day, May 14.
Sexagesima " " 9.	Palm Sunday, " 29.	Whit Sunday, or Pentecost, " 24.
Quinquagesima " " 16.	Good Friday, April 3.	Trinity Sunday, " 31.
Shrove Tuesday, " 18.	Easter Sunday, " 5.	Corpus Christi, June 4.
Ash Wednesday, " 19.	Love Sunday, " 12.	1st Sunday in Advent, Nov. 29.
Quadragesima Sunday, " 23.	Rogation Sunday, May 10.	Sundays after Trinity are 25.

THE FOUR EMBER DAYS.

February 26.	May 27.	September 16.	December 16.
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THE FOUR SEASONS, OR CARDINAL POINTS.

Vernal Equinox,	Sun enters φ March 19th,	9 o'clock 5 minutes, evening.
Summer Solstice,	" " ϖ June 20th,	5 " 5 " "
Autumnal Equinox,	" " \simeq September 22d,	8 " 5 " morning.
Winter Solstice,	" " \rhd December 21st,	2 " 5 " "

(2) Jupiter is called the Governing Planet this year.

MORNING STARS.

Venus until July 9th.
Mars until September 12th.
Jupiter until April 19th, after August 12th.
Saturn until April 25th, after November 13th.
Mercury, February 8th to April 17th; June 10th, to July 31st;
October 8th to November 28th.

EVENING STARS.

Venus after July 9th.
Mars after September 12th.
Jupiter after April 19th, until August 12th.
Saturn after April 25th, until November 13th.
Mercury to February 8th; April 17th to June 10th; July 31st,
to October 8th, after November 28th.

PLANETS BRIGHTEST

Mercury, January 23d, May 16th, September 13th, setting then just after the sun, also, March 5th, July 3d, October 24th, rising then just before the sun. Saturn, May 5th, Jupiter, August 12th. Mars, December 12th.

ECLIPSES FOR THE YEAR 1896.

There will be four Eclipses this year; two of the Sun and two of the Moon.

I. An Annular Eclipse of the Sun, February 13th, invisible in North America, visible in South Atlantic Ocean, South-eastern coast of South America, and Southwestern portion of Africa.

II. A Partial Eclipse of the Moon, February 28th, invisible in America, but visible generally in Europe, Asia and Africa.

III. A Total Eclipse of the Sun, August 8th, invisible in the U. S.; visible in Europe, Asia and Pacific Ocean, and Alaska. The total path of the Eclipse will pass from a point in Longitude 0, Latitude 62° 18', a point in Longitude 180, Latitude 20 north.

IV. A Partial Eclipse of the Moon, August 22d and 23d, visible as follows:

TIMES OF THE PHASES.			
Moon enters penumbra	August 22d,	11 o'clock,	6 minutes, evening.
Moon enters shadow	" 23d,	12 " 24 " "	morning.
Middle of the Eclipse	" 23d,	1 " 57 " "	"
Moon leaves shadow,	" 23d,	3 " 30 " "	"
Moon leaves penumbra	" 23d,	4 " 47 " "	"

Magnitude of the Eclipse = 0.735 (Moon's diameter = 1.0.)

Carefully calculated for the Meridian of Philadelphia, by WILL R. IRACH.

JANUARY,

1st Month, 31 Days.

1896.

WEEKS AND DAYS.	REMARKABLE DAYS.	DAILY BIBLE LESSONS.	MOON		MOON'S PLACE.	ASPECTS OF PLANETS, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	S. SUN		HIGH WATER PHILA.
			R. & S.	H. M. S.			RISES	SETS	
Wednesday	1 New Year	1 Pet. 2: 12-19	5 37	10 46	4	☉ in Perihelion	47 23 4	37 1 57	
Thursday	2 Martyrs H. Scrip	" 4: 12-19	6 59	11 59	17	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N. 6 2	47 23 4	37 2 34	
Friday	3 Gordius	Eph. 3:	8 17	morn.	2	● in Per. ☿ rises 3 57	57 23 4	37 3 30	
Saturday	4 Titus	Psalm 24:	9 33	12 59	15	♄ rises 5 30 ☽ in ☿	57 22 4	38 4 24	

1] Sunday after New Year.

Matt. 2: 1-23; Isaiah 60: 1-6.

Day's Length, 9 hours, 16 minutes.

Sunday	5 Simeon	John 1: 29-34	10 46	28	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	67 22 4	38 5 20	
Monday	6 Epiphany	" 1: 38-51	11 59	10	☾ 7* south 8 29	67 21 4	39 6 19	
Tuesday	7 Wittekind	" 2:	morn.	23	☿ 7. ♀ rises 6 22	77 21 4	39 7 6	
Wednesday	8 Severinus	" 3:	12 59	5	♌ Aldebaran south 9 14	77 20 4	40 7 44	
Thursday	9 Catherine Zell	" 4:	1 58	17	♌ ♀ ♀. ♀ rises 2 38	77 20 4	40 8 42	
Friday	10 Paul of Thebes	" 5:	2 47	29	♌ ♀ ♀. Orion south 10 20	87 19 4	41 9 40	
Saturday	11 Fructuosus	" 6: 1-25	3 45	10	♌ ♀ ♀. ♀ rises 4 13	87 19 4	41 10 39	

2] 1st Sunday after Epiphany.

Luke 2: 41-52; Rom. 12: 1-5.

Day's Length, 9 hours, 24 minutes.

Sunday	12 J. Castellan	John 6: 26-71	4 42	22	♌ ♀ ♀. ♀ rises 5 22	97 18 4	42 11 38	
Monday	13 Hilary	" 7:	5 40	4	♌ Sirius south 10 58	97 17 4	43 12 34	
Tuesday	14 Felix	" 8: 1-20	5 sets	17	♌ 14. ♀ rises 4 18	97 17 4	43 1 30	
Wednesday	15 John a'Lasco	" 8: 21-50	5 42	29	♌ Regulus rises 7 32	107 16 4	44 2 19	
Thursday	16 Geo. Spalatine	" 9:	6 48	11	♌ ♀ ♀. ♀ south 7 46	107 15 4	45 3 6	
Friday	17 Anthony	" 10: 1-21	7 55	24	♌ ♀ rises 2 10	107 14 4	46 3 49	
Saturday	18 John Blackader	" 10: 22-42	8 53	7	♌ Aldebaran south 8 26 ● in ♌	117 13 4	47 4 30	

3] 2d Sunday after Epiphany.

John 2: 1-11; Rom. 12: 6-16.

Day's Length, 9 hours, 36 minutes.

Sunday	19 Heid. Cat. 1563	Mark 1: 1-20	9 49	20	● in apo. ♄ rises 5 14	117 12 4	48 5 13	
Monday	20 Fabian and Sebastian	" 1: 21-45	10 52	3	☉ ♄. Spica rises 11 43	117 12 4	48 5 59	
Tuesday	21 Agnes	" 2:	11 52	16	☾ Procyon south 11 16	127 11 4	49 6 51	
Wednesday	22 Vincent	" 3: 1-19	morn.	0	☾ 22. ♀ rises 4 32	127 10 4	50 7 34	
Thursday	23 Isaiah	" 3: 20-35	12 52	14	☿ gr. Elong. E. ♄ 6 34	127 9 4	51 8 11	
Friday	24 Timothy	" 4:	1 48	28	☿ in ♌. ♄ ♀ ♀. Capella. south 6 30	127 8 4	52 8 51	
Saturday	25 Paul's Conversion	" 5; 6: 1-6	2 37	13	♌ ♀ south 7 6	137 7 4	53 9 37	

4] 3d Sunday after Epiphany.

Matt. 8: 1-13; Rom. 12: 17-21.

Day's Length, 9 hours, 48 minutes.

Sunday	26 Polycarp	Mark 6: 7-29	3 32	28	♌ rises 5 9	137 6 4	54 10 14	
Monday	27 Jno. Chrysostom	" 6: 30-56	4 42	13	♌ Rigel south 8 39	137 5 4	55 11 6	
Tuesday	28 Charlemagne	" 7: 1-23	5 48	27	☿ in Perihelion. ♀ rises 4 40	137 4 4	56 11 54	
Wednesday	29 Juventine	" 7: 24-37	6 50	11	☿ ♀ ♀. Sirius 10 2	137 3 4	57 12 50	
Thursday	30 Henry Müller	" 8:	7 rises	25	☿ 30. ♀ stationary	147 2 4	58 1 39	
Friday	31 Hans Sachs	" 9:	7 12	9	● in per. ♀ rises 1 15	147 1 4	59 2 26	

Moon's Phases.

Last Quarter, 7th, 10 o'clock, 21 minutes, forenoon.
 New Moon, 14th, 5 " 19 " evening.
 First Quarter, 22d, 9 " 42 " "
 Full Moon, 30th, 3 " 55 " morning.

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, variable; 6, 7, 8, snow or rain; 9, 10, 11, cold; 12, 13, fair; 14, 15, 16, clear and cold; 17, 18, 19, misty; 20, 21, cloudy; 22, 23, snow; 24, 25, cold; 26, 27, fair; 28, 29, 30, 31, stormy.

2). Jupiter is the 24th in opposition with the Sun and shines all night.

JANUARY.

NEW YEAR'S DAWNING.

AT this New Year's dawning,
Saviour, we would give
Into thy safe keeping
All we are and have.

Hearts, that they may love thee
Daily more and more;
Hands, that they may serve thee
Better than before.

Voices that may praise thee,
Singing all the way;
Feet that on thine errands
Run all through the day.

Guide us, keep us, love us,
Make our light to shine;
We will travel safely
With our hands in thine.

WHAT EVERY DAY REQUIRES

EVERYDAY work requires everyday grace, and everyday grace requires everyday asking. Whatever your work is take it first to God. Before you begin, kneel and implore His blessing. Ask Him for a fresh, diligent spirit. Ask Him for a spirit of patience and meekness in contending with all the little wearisome difficulties and annoyances connected with it. Ask Him to enable you not only to bear the daily cross, but to "take it up," denying yourself, and following the footsteps of the Lord Jesus. Then put your whole might to it—the might that you have borrowed from a mightier than yourself; for that is the secret of real work. Do it as if your Master were standing before you.

THE tree of life bears twelve manner of fruits, and it yields its fruit every month. Every month; all the time; fruit red, ripe, and ready, for the hungry souls of the world.

Reformed Church Almanac for 1896.

THIRTY-THIRD ISSUE.

THE Almanac is annually increasing in popularity and circulation. The effort is to make each issue better than its predecessor. Its aim is to give valuable information to the membership of the Church. It therefore should have a large circulation. This it can have if pastors, consistories, mite and missionary societies will lend their aid.

CHAS. G. FISHER, D.D.,
Editor.

WHAT CAN I DO TO-DAY?

WHAT can I do to-day?
Not praise to win, or glory
to attain;
Not gold, or ease, or power, or
love to gain;
Or pleasure gay;
But to impart
Joy to some stricken heart.
To send a heaven-born ray
Of hope, some sad, despairing
Soul to cheer;
To lift some weighing doubt,
Make truth more clear,
Dispel some dwarfing care;
To lull some pain,
Bring to the fold again
Some lamb astray;
To brighten life for some one,
Now and here—
This let me do to-day.

GOOD resolutions are often like a loosely-tied cord—on the first strain of temptation

they slip. They should be tied in a hard knot of prayer, and then they should be kept tight and firm by stretching Godward.

THE clouds come up when our life is bright,
And cover the sun away,
And the heart grows chill in the sudden night,
And longs for the vanished day.
But the clouds pass by with the summer rain,
And then, like a storm-tossed flower,
The heart looks up and is glad again
In the rainbow, after the shower.



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FEBRUARY,

2d Month, 29 Days.








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Saturday	1 Ignatius	Mark 10: 1-31	8 32	 23	7* south 6 48	147 05	0	3 16

5] *Septuagesima Sunday.*

Matt. 20: 1-16; 1 Cor. 9: 24-10; 5.








Day's Length, 10 hours, 2 minutes.

Sunday	2 Purificat'n of Vir.	Luke 3:	9 47	 6	♀ rises 4 48	146 59	5 1	4 1
Monday	3 Ansgar	" 4:	10 56	 19	Capella south 8 10	146 58	5 2	4 47
Tuesday	4 Rhaban. Maurus	" 5:	morn.	 1	Spica rises 10 40	146 56	5 4	5 32
Wednesday	5 P. J. Spener	" 6: 1-19	12 16	 13	5. ♄ south 6 17	146 55	5 5	6 12
Thursday	6 Amandus	" 6: 20-49	1 18	 25	♂ ♃ ♄. ♂ ♄ ♄. ♀ rises 12 54	146 54	5 6	7 11
Friday	7 Geo. Wagner	" 7:	2 27	 7	♂ ♃ ♄. Orionsouth 8 26	146 53	5 7	8 10
Saturday	8 Maria Andreae	" 8:	3 30	 18	♂ gr. Hel. Lat. North. ♂ ♃ ♄ In-ferior	146 51	5 9	8 55

6] *Sexagesima Sunday.*

Luke 8: 4-15; 2 Cor. 11: 19-12; 9.








Day's Length, 10 hours, 20 minutes.

Sunday	9 John Hooper	Luke 9: 1-36	4 32	 0	♂ ♃ ♄. ♄ rises 5 3	146 50	5 10	9 40
Monday	10 F. C. Oetinger	" 9: 37-62	5 47	 12	♂ ♃ ♄. ♂ ♃ ♄. ♀ rises 4 58	146 48	5 12	10 37
Tuesday	11 H. de St. Victor	" 10:	6 55	 26	♂ rises 12 37	146 47	5 13	11 35
Wednesday	12 Lady Jane Grey	" 11: 1-36	7 12	 7	♂ ♃ ♄. Andromeda sets 10 4	146 46	5 14	12 30
Thursday	13 C. F. Schwartz	" 11: 37; 12: 1-12	♄ sets	 20	13. ♄ ♃ ♄. Arctur rises 9 12	146 45	5 15	1 25
Friday	14 Brun. v. Querfur	" 12: 13-59	4 42	 3	Regulus south 12 10	146 44	5 16	2 8
Saturday	15 Jacob Von Loh	" 13: 1-21	7 49	 16	♄ south 5 33	146 42	5 18	2 58

7] *Quinquagesima Sunday.*

Luke 18: 31-43; 1 Cor. 13: 1-13.








Day's Length, 10 hours, 38 minutes.

Sunday	16 Matth. Desbūas	Luke 13: 22-35	8 42	 0	♂ in apo. ♄ rises 4 59	146 41	5 19	3 31
Monday	17 Pat. Hamilton	" 14:	9 42	 13	♀ rises 5 2	146 40	5 20	4 11
Tuesday	18 Shrove Tuesday	" 15:	10 36	 27	♂ rises 12 11	146 39	5 21	4 51
Wednesday	19 Ash Wednesday	" 16:	11 34	 11	♄ enters ♄. Procyon south 9 20	146 37	5 23	5 31
Thursday	20 Sadoth	" 17: 1-19	morn.	 25	♄ stationary. Pollux south 9 33	146 36	5 24	6 16
Friday	21 Mænrod	" 17: 20-37	12 48	 9	♄ 21. Orion south 7 26	146 35	5 25	7 6
Saturday	22 Washington's Birthday	" 18: 1-20	1 37	 24	♄ sets 5 13	146 33	5 27	7 51

8] *First Sunday in Lent.*

Matt. 4: 1-11; 2 Cor. 6: 1-10.

Day's Length, 10 hours, 56 minutes.

Sunday	23 B. Zeingenbalg	Luke 18: 12; 19: 1-28	2 24	 8	♄ rises 4 51	146 32	5 28	8 50
Monday	24 Matthias	" 19: 29; 20: 1-8	3 37	 22	♄ stationary. Regulus sets 11 4	146 31	5 29	9 49
Tuesday	25 Casp. Olevianus	" 20: 9; 21: 1-4	4 30	 6	♄ ♄ ♄. Vega rises 11 16	146 30	5 30	10 45
Wednesday	26 Ember Day	" 21: 5-35	5 20	 20	♀ rises 5 6	136 20	5 31	11 43
Thursday	27 Martin Bucer	" 22: 1-30	6 12	 4	♂ stationary. ♀ in ♄	136 28	5 32	12 40
Friday	28 Jno. de Mon. Corv.	" 22: 31-71	♄ rises	 17	♄ 28. ♂ rises 11 31	136 27	5 33	1 22
Saturday	29 Leap Day	" 23:	7 17	 1	♄ in per. ♄ sets 4 44	136 26	5 34	2 4

Moon's Phases.

Last Quarter,	5th,	7 o'clock,	38 minutes,	evening.
New Moon,	13th,	11 "	12 "	forenoon.
First Quarter,	21st,	4 "	14 "	evening.
Full Moon,	28th,	2 "	51 "	afternoon.

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, cold; 3, 4, variable; 5, 6, snow; 7, 8, cold; 9, 10, clear; 11, 12, 13, coldest days; 14, 15, variable; 16, 17, snow; 18, 19, 20, 21, fair; 22, 23, misty; 24, 25, snow; 26, 27, 28, fair; 29, mild.

FEBRUARY.

Good Rules for Daily Conduct.

NEVER speak unkindly of anybody.

Never step over one duty to perform another.

Never worry about what you can't help.

Never go where you wouldn't have your best friend follow you.

Never do anything before children you do not want them to imitate.

Never profess one way and behave another.

Never expect to do any good without help from God.

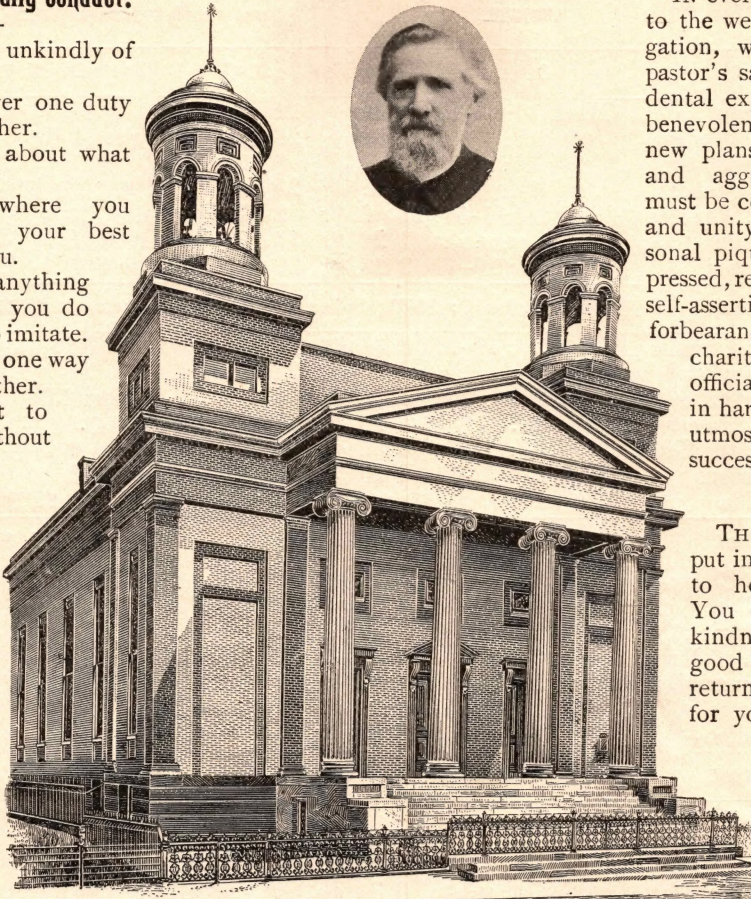
Never stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in the seat of the scornful.

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WE hear much about want of Christian charity in the churches, and of church divisions as a barrier to people coming into the Church. But there is sweet peace in the Church, compared with what is outside of her. And we observe that schools in medicine do not prevent people from patronizing physicians, and quarrels most bitter among politicians do not keep people away from the doors supposed to lead to office.

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FEW realize the possibilities of life. Some men only exist; they do not live.



THE EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH.
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EDMUND R. ESHBACH, D. D., Pastor.

The Synod of the Potomac met in this Church, October 22d, 1895.

IN every measure looking to the welfare of a congregation, whether it be the pastor's salary, or the incidental expenditures, or the benevolent operations, or new plans for enlargement and aggressiveness, there must be cordiality of feeling and unity of action. Personal pique should be suppressed, resentment checked, self-assertiveness curbed, and forbearance, good-will and charity exhibited. Where officials and people work in harmony, and to the utmost of their ability, success is sure.

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THAT is what we are put into the world for—to help one another. You can pass on the kindness by serving my good friends, who, in return, will do their best for you.—*L. M. Alcott.*

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THE ministers and churches who keep the main issue in view are truest to their mission. The salvation of souls and the up-building of believers in faith,

doctrine and life are the supreme ends for which they are to labor. Sociological questions are not to be ignored, but they occupy a subordinate place. Temperance is all important as a moral movement, but it is a side issue. So with the other problems. They are to be noted in their proper bearing and relation, but first and last let the Gospel be so preached and the machinery of the Church be so directed as to save sinners and edify saints.

1896.

1, 2, rain or snow; 3, 4, fair; 5, 6, 7, north wind; 8, 9, fair; 10, 11, cold; 12, 13, variable; 14, 15, rain; 16, 17, 18, mild; 19, 20, misty; 21, 22, 23, stormy; 24, 25, 26, showers; 27, 28, clear; 29, 30, 31, frosty.

MARCH.

Foreign Missions.

THE Board consists of the following members; Rev. J. I. Good, D.D., *Pres't*; Rev. J. H. Prugh, D.D., *V.-Pres't*; Rev. S. N. Callender, D.D., *Sec'y*; Elder J. L. Lemberger, Ph. M., *Treas.*; Revs. A. R. Bartholomew, J. S. Kieffer, D.D., J. Dahlman, D.D., C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., P. Greding, D.D., Elder J. Y. Dietz, J. Z. Gerhard, M. D., and B. Kuhns.

The officers, together with Rev. A. R. Bartholomew and Elder J. Z. Gerhard, M. D., constitute the Executive Committee.

The Board is profoundly thankful to God, that while sister Foreign Boards were grievously embarrassed by accumulated indebtedness, which militated against aggressive work in the field, we have been enabled, by the increasing liberality of our Church, to cancel the oppressive portion of our debt, and to meet promptly our regular current expenses.

Our educational work has moved steadily forward, showing a small increase of scholars in the Girls' School, but the number of students in the Tohoku Gakuin, suffered a small decrease. Our force of native evangelists was increased, during the past year, by the graduation of six young men from the Theological Department, and five graduated from the Collegiate Department, part, if not all of whom, will enter the Seminary. Five ladies graduated from the Girls' School.

The volume and extent of evangelistic work are steadfastly increasing, and it is growing in importance year by year, and consequently will require enlarging appropriations. The last statistical report which has been received, showed a decided increase of church members over the years preceding. Sunday-school work is vigorously prosecuted, enlisting besides the labor of the students

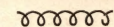


REV. CHRISTOPHER NOSS.

New Missionary at Sendai, Japan,—December, 1895.

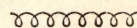
in both schools and the native Christians, the active superintendence and instruction of the whole force of the Mission, male and female.

The Board rejoices to notice a growing interest and liberality throughout our Church, and relying upon the continuance of these healthful indications, it is inspired with larger hopes and expectations to press forward in the work, the Church has committed to its hands.



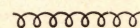
GIVING.

To give simply because one wants a new carpet for the church, or a better choir leader, or a more efficient janitor—that is worldly giving. To give the least that one feels he can give with credit to himself—that is selfish giving. To give the exact tithe because one feels he must, and is not willing to give a cent more—that is legal giving. To give freely as God gives, in gratitude and as an act of worship, in proportion to one's means, never less but always more than the tithe, and in increasing ratio as one's means are increased—that is Christian giving.



WORK.

LIE down and sleep,
Leave it with God to keep
This sorrow which is part
Now of thy heart.
When thou dost wake,
If still 'tis there to take,
Utter no wild complaint,
Work waits thine hands,
If thou should'st faint,
God understands.



If you would be pure in heart, be pure in habit.

APRIL,

4th Month, 30 Days.

1896.

WEEKS AND DAYS.	REMARKABLE DAYS.	DAILY BIBLE LESSONS.	MOON		MOON'S PLACE.	ASPECTS OF PLANETS, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	S.		SUN	HIGH WATER PHILA.
			R. & S.	H. M. S.			SI.	RISES		
Wednesday	1 Theodore	Heb. 10 :	11	55	28	♂ ♀ in Aphelion	45	45 6 15	5	17
Thursday	2 <i>Mourndy Thurs.</i>	John 6 :	morn.		10	♂ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	45	43 6 17	6	10
Friday	3 <i>Good Friday</i>	Luke 23 : 32-49	12	16	22	♀ rises 4 50	35	42 6 18	6	55
Saturday	4 Ambrose	Heb. 4 :	1	8	4	4. Procyon ^{south} 9 39	35	41 6 19	7	45

14] *Easter Sunday.*

Mark 16 : 1-8; 1 Cor. 5 : 6-8.

Day's Length, 12 hours, 40 minutes.

Sunday	5 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	Matt. 21 :	2	4	16	♂ rises 8 59	35	46 6 20	8	30
Monday	6 <i>Easter Monday</i>	Luke 24 : 1-12	2	36	28	♂ sets 2 14	35	38 6 22	9	15
Tuesday	7 Olaus Petersen	Acts 2 : 22-47	3	8	11	7* sets 10 3	25	37 6 23	9	58
Wednesday	8 Martin Chemnitz	1 Cor. 15 :	3	33	24	♂ ♀ C. ♂ rises 3 41 ● in ♄	25	36 6 24	10	33
Thursday	9 Theo. v. Westen	Rom. 6 :	4	6	7	Regulus south 8 40	25	34 6 26	11	19
Friday	10 Fulbert	" 8 :	4	47	20	● in apo. ♂ ♀ C. ♀ rises 4 42	15	33 6 27	11	58
Saturday	11 Leo the Great	1 Cor. 3 :	5	9	3	Antares rises 10 37	15	32 6 28	12	40

15] *1st Sunday after Easter.*

John 20 : 19-31; 1 John 5 : 4-12.

Day's Length, 12 hours, 58 minutes.

Sunday	12 Saba	John 1 :	♂ sets	17	12. ♂ ♀ ☾	Alpacca south 2 7	15	31 6 29	1	13
Monday	13 Justin Martyr	" 2 :	7 26	2	☾ sets 1 52		15	29 6 31	1	52
Tuesday	14 John Eccard	" 3 :	8 29	17	Wega rises 8 15		05	28 6 32	2	20
Wednesday	15 Simeon Dach	" 4 :	9 33	2	♂ rises 3 26	sun	5	27 6 33	3	8
Thursday	16 Peter Waldo	" 5 :	10 35	17	Spica south 11 38	fast	5	25 6 35	3	44
Friday	17 Mappalicus	" 6 : 1-40	11 35	1	♂ ♀ ☾ ☉ Superior		05	24 6 36	4	42
Saturday	18 Luther at Worms	" 6 : 41-71	morn.	15	♀ rises 4 39		05	23 6 37	5	40

16] *2d Sunday after Easter.*

John 10 : 11-16; 1 Peter 2 : 21-25.

Day's Length, 13 hours, 16 minutes.

Sunday	19 Melancthon	John 7 :	12	30	29	♂ ♀ C. Rigel sets 9 45	15	22 6 38	6	38
Monday	20 Jno. Bugenhagen	" 8 : 1-30	1	34	13	♂ ♀ C. ♀ sets 1 28	15	21 6 39	7	36
Tuesday	21 Anslem of Cant.	" 8 : 31-50	2	5	27	♂ enters ♄. ♀ in ♄	15	20 6 40	8	34
Wednesday	22 Origen	" 9 :	2	35	10	♂ rises 8 0	25	18 6 42	9	33
Thursday	23 George of Capp.	" 10 :	3	2	23	Sirius sets 9 36 ● in ♄	25	17 6 43	10	30
Friday	24 Wilfrid	" 11 :	3	32	6	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	25	16 6 44	11	25
Saturday	25 St. Mark, Evang.	" 12 :	3	55	18	♂ in Perihelion	25	15 6 45	12	15

17] *3d Sunday after Easter.*

John 16 : 16-23; 1 Peter 2 : 11-19.

Day's Length, 13 hours, 32 minutes.

Sunday	26 Trudpert	John 13 : 14 :	4	26	0	● in per. Antares rises 9 40	25	14 6 46	1	5
Monday	27 Otto Catelin	“ 15 :	♂ rises	13	27. ♀ rises 4 25	35	12 6 48	1	46	
Tuesday	28 Fred. Myconius	“ 16 : 17 :	8	22	25 ♂ ♀ C. ♂ ♀ C. ♀ rises 7 2	35	11 6 49	2	26	
Wednesday	29 L. v. Berquin	“ 18 :	9	52	7	♂ sets 12 57	35	10 6 50	3	6
Thursday	30 Geo. Calixtus	“ 19 :	11	15	19	♂ rises 2 57	35	9 6 51	3	44

Moon's Phases.

Last Quarter, 4th, 7 o'clock, 24 minutes, evening.
 New Moon, 12th, 11 " 22 " "
 First Quarter, 20th, 5 " 46 " "
 Full Moon, 27th, 8 " 47 " forenoon.

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, variable; 3, 4, misty; 4, 5, 6, rain; 7, 8, clear;
 9, 10, cold; 11, 12, frosty; 13, 14, variable; 15, 16, 17,
 fair; 18, rain; 19, 20, 21, fair; 22, 23, 24, warm; 25,
 26, 27, rain; 28, 29, 30, fair and cool.

APRIL.

Reformed Church Messenger.

THE first English periodical of the Reformed Church in this country was published in 1827. It was in the form of a monthly magazine. This subsequently was changed to a semi-weekly, and in 1835 it was changed to a weekly, under the title of THE WEEKLY MESSENGER. Since then it has borne respectively the titles: GERMAN REFORMED MESSENGER, THE MESSENGER, and REFORMED CHURCH MESSENGER, the last being its present title.

Its present title is a significant and appropriate one; *first*, because it tells of what Church it is the organ, in whose behalf it speaks, and whose interest it represents; *second*, it is truly a messenger of the Church, and bears to its readers from week to week a supply of good and wholesome reading matter and the news of their own Church.

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TRUE.

THE best families, the most useful families, and the happiest families in every congregation are those in which family worship is regularly maintained, the church paper taken and carefully read, and the work of the Church often talked about.

THERE are men who seem models of perfection at a distance, but who reveal many faults as we become acquainted with them. The best have their defects, and the nearer we come to them, the more we are disposed to say: "We have seen an end to all perfection." Not so with Jesus; those who knew Him best held Him in highest esteem.

PERFECT, unquestioning trust is the way to peace. Do not wait to see; do not ask to see; but believe in God, and be at peace.

GIVE as you would, if angels waited at your door;
Give as you would, if the morrow found you where giving
all is o'er;
Give as you would to the Master, if you met His searching
look;
Give as you would of your substance if His hand your offering took.

SOME church choirs would sing better if they quarreled less.

MAY,

5th Month, 31 Days.

1896.

WEEKS AND DAYS.	REMARKABLE DAYS.	DAILY BIBLE LESSONS.	MOON R. & S. H. M. S.	MOON'S PLACE. A.	ASPECTS OF PLANETS, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	S. F. RISES M. H. M.	SUN SETS H. M.	HIGH WATER PHILA. H. M.
Friday	1 Philip and James	John 20:	11 52		1 ♀ south 12 15	35	8 6 52	4 22
Saturday	2 Athanasius	" 21:	morn.		13 Sirius sets 9 3	35	7 6 53	5 2
18] Fourth Sunday after Easter. John 16: 5-15; Jas. 1: 16-21. Day's Length, 13 hours, 48 minutes.								
Sunday	3 Monica	Heb. 1; 2:	12 58		25 ♀ ♄ ♃. Piscinn	35	6 6 54	5 45
Monday	4 Florian	" 3; 4:	1 39		7 ♀ rises 4 20	35	4 6 56	6 36
Tuesday	5 Fred'k the Wise	" 5; 6:	2 3		20 ♄ ♀ ♃. 7* sets 8 16 ● in ♄	35	3 6 57	7 24
Wednesday	6 John of Damasc.	" 7:	2 27		1 ♄ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	45	2 6 58	8 11
Thursday	7 Flav. Domitilla	" 8:	2 59		14 ♄ ♄ ♃. ♄ rises 2 42	45	1 6 59	8 59
Friday	8 Stanislaus	" 9:	3 17		27 ● in apo. ♃ sets 12 20	45	0 7 0	9 55
Saturday	9 Greg. Mazianzen	" 10:	3 47		13 ♄ south 11 42	44	59 7	10 51
19] Fifth Sunday after Easter. John 16: 23-32; Jas. 1: 22-27. Day's Length, 14 hours, 4 minutes.								
Sunday	10 John Henglin	Heb. 11:	4 22		26 Aldebaran sets 8 14	44	58 7	2 11 48
Monday	11 John Arndt	" 12:	4 54		11 ♄ ♄ ♃. ♄ rises 4 17	44	57 7	3 12 44
Tuesday	12 Meletius	" 13:	5 sets		26 ♄ ♄ ♃. Spica 10 00 south	44	56 7	4 1 22
Wednesday	13 Servatius	John 14:	8 28		11 Orion sets 8 56	44	55 7	5 1 59
Thursday	14 Ascension Day	Col. 2:	9 28		26 ♄ ♄ ♃. ♄ ♄ ♃. Libros 11 42 south	44	54 7	6 2 35
Friday	15 Moses	John 15:	10 25		11 ♄ ♄ ♄. ♄ rises 2 23	44	53 7	7 3 13
Saturday	16 Five Martyrs of L	" 12:	11 12		25 ♄ gr. Elong. E. ♄ sets 8 59	44	52 7	8 3 53
20] Sixth Sunday after Easter. John 15: 26; 16; 1; 1 Peter 4: 7-11. Day's Length, 14 hours, 18 minutes.								
Sunday	17 Joachim of Flor.	John 1:	11 52		9 ♃ sets 11 49	44	51 7	9 4 50
Monday	18 Marts. with Val.	" 2:	morn.		23 ♄ ♄ ♃. ♄ rises 4 14	44	51 7	9 5 49
Tuesday	19 Alcuin	" 3:	12 54		7 ♄ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	44	50 7	10 6 47
Wednesday	20 Val. Herberger	" 4:	1 10		20 ♄ ♄ ♃. ♄ ♄ ♃. ♄ in ♄	44	49 7	11 7 43
Thursday	21 Constantine	" 5:	1 27		3 ♄ enters ♄	44	48 7	12 8 40
Friday	22 Castus and Amelius	Joel 13:	1 52		15 ♄ rises 2 4	44	48 7	12 9 39
Saturday	23 Jerome Savona	John 17:	2 22		27 Rigel sets 7 32	44	47 7	13 10 37
21] Whit Sunday or Pentecost. John 14: 15-31; Acts 2: 1-11. Day's Length, 14 hours, 28 minutes.								
Sunday	24 Whit Sunday	Gal. 3:	2 54		10 ● in per. ♃ sets 11 25	44	46 7	14 11 35
Monday	25 Whit Monday	" 5:	3 31		22 ♄ ♄ ♃. ♄ ♄ ♃.	34	45 7	15 12 30
Tuesday	26 Beda Venerabilis	Rom. 12:	3 rises		4 ♄ ♄ ♃. 26. Regulus 12 30	34	44 7	16 1 24
Wednesday	27 Ember Day	1 Cor. 13:	8 37		16 ♄ south 10 26	34	43 7	17 2 25
Thursday	28 Lanfranc	Rom. 6: 19; 7:	9 41		28 Arctur south 9 48	34	43 7	17 2 47
Friday	29 David Zeisberger	" 8:	10 37		10 ♄ stationary. ♄ in ♄	34	42 7	18 3 31
Saturday	30 Memorial Day	2 Cor. 5:	11 2		22 ♄ sets 4 7	34	41 7	19 4 19
22] Trinity Sunday. John 3: 1-15; Rom. 4: 1-11. Day's Length, 14 hours, 38 minutes.								
Sunday	31 Joachim Neander	Acts 1; 2:	11 37		4 ♄ rises 1 54	34	41 7	19 5 11

Moon's Phases.

Last Quarter, 4th, 10 o'clock, 25 minutes, forenoon.
 New Moon, 12th, 2 " 46 " afternoon.
 First Quarter, 20th, 1 " 21 " morning.
 Full Moon, 27th, 4 " 56 " evening.

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, 6, cloudy and rain; 7, 8, fair; 9, 10, showers; 11, 12, variable; 14, 15, 16, fair; 17, 18, rain; 19, 20, 21, fair; 22, 23, cloudy; 24, 25, rain; 26, 27, 28, fair; 29, 30, 31, changeable.

(♄). Saturn is in opposition with the Sun on the 5th, and shines all night.

MAY.

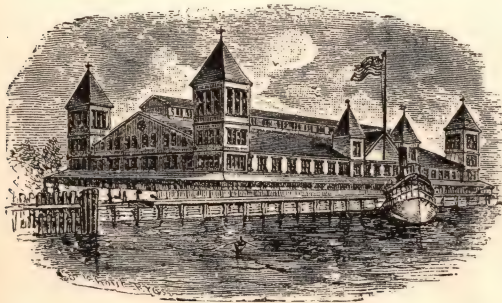
WHAT BOOKS TO READ.

WE live among books to find the good, the beautiful and the true in them, and by them to be inspired and led into the heart of nature and into the soul of mankind.

Some books should be read, whether we like them or not, because they are necessary to education and culture.

Some books should be read because they are so often alluded to by others in conversation. We should be thoroughly acquainted with the books and the names of authors of our own land. Every book, and almost every paper, will add something to the stock of knowledge. If convenient, read with a friend. Discussion clears and fixes in the mind what you read.

FAULT-FINDING is a cheap and easy sort of criticism. The most ignorant hearer can find a flaw in the best sermons. No man ever yet lived so well that some one did not criticise adversely his words and deeds. The life of Jesus was perfect, and yet fault was found with almost every step He took. Canting hypocrites complained because He showed Himself a friend of sinners, and pointed out what they considered unpardonable sins in His noblest deeds of mercy and healing. Fault-finders never contribute anything to the progress of truth and righteousness.



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






PASS GOOD THINGS ALONG.

GOOD things may be made more useful and effective by passing them along. The sermon which did you good may be spoken of to those who did not hear it, and the picture described to those who did not see it. The one who receives a cup of cold water may repay the kindness some day by giving a cup of cold water to some other thirsty one, and he who has been assisted in securing an education should be ready to assist others to the same end. A good book may be loaned after it has been read, and a paper may be given to some one else to whom it will be as fresh as if it were new.

EVERY man who does honest work gets double pay for it.

CULTIVATE music, vocal and instrumental. It cheers your home, and keeps your children's love of home.









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			H. M.	S. A.			M.	H. M.	H. M.		H. M.	H. M.
Monday	1 J. Fred. Oberlin	Acts 3 :	morn.		16	½ south 105	●	in ♊	34 40 7 20	5 57		
Tuesday	2 Pothinus and Blandina	“ 4 :	12 27		28	 Regulus 12 1			24 40 7 20	6 32		
Wednesday	3 Chlotilde	“ 5 :	12 45		10	 3. ♊ sets 10 51			24 39 7 21	7 10		
Thursday	4 <i>Corpus Christi</i>	“ 6 :	1 7		23	Sirius sets 8 50			24 39 7 21	7 55		
Friday	5 Boniface	“ 7 :	1 26		6	● in apo. ♋ ♋ ♋ ♋ [♋] rises 1 41			24 38 7 22	8 45		
Saturday	6 Norbert	“ 8 :	1 47		20	Librae south 10 9			24 38 7 22	10 5		

23] *1st Sunday after Trinity.*

Luke 16: 19-31 ; 1 John 4: 7-21.









Day's Length, 14 hours, 26 minutes.

Sunday	7 Paul Gerhardt	1 Pet. 1; 2: 1-10	2 5		4	♋ ♀ ☉. Arctur south 9 6	24 37 7	23 10 49
Monday	8 A. H. Franke	Acts 10:	2 37		18	♉ in Aphelion. Antares south 11 13	14 37 7	23 11 45
Tuesday	9 Columba	" 11:	3 14		4	♊ sets 10 31	14 37 7	23 12 40
Wednesday	10 Fdk. Barbarossa	" 12:	4 1		19	 ♋ ☉ ☽ In ferior. ☉ ☽ ☾. ☽ ♀ ☾	14 36 7	24 1 38
Thursday	11 Barnabas	1 Pet. 2: 11; 3: 1-17	♃ sets		4	♌ 11. ☽ ♀ ☾. south 10 12 ☾	04 36 7	24 2 21
Friday	12 Renata	" 3: 18; 4: 1-16	9 9		19	♍ in Perihelion	04 36 7	24 3 5
Saturday	13 Isaac Le Febvre	" 4: 17; 5:	9 51		4	♎ rise 1 19	SUN 4 36 7	24 3 50

24] *2d Sunday after Trinity.*

Luke 14 : 16-21 ; 1 John 3 : 13-21.








Day's Length, 14 hours, 58 minutes.

Sunday	14 Basil	2 Pet. 1: 11	10 26 	19 $\delta \text{ } \frac{1}{2} \text{ } \zeta. \delta \text{ } \frac{1}{2} \text{ } \psi.$	sl' 4 35 7 25 4 34
Monday	15 W. Wilberforce	" 1: 12; 2; 3	10 54 	3 $\delta \text{ } \frac{1}{2} \text{ } \varphi. \delta \text{ } \frac{1}{2} \text{ } \text{Neptune}$	0 4 35 7 25 5 18
Tuesday	16 R. Baxter	Jas. 2:	11 20 	16 $\frac{1}{2}$ south 9 3 \bullet in Ω	0 4 35 7 25 6 5
Wednesday	17 John Tauler	" 3:	11 45 	29  $\frac{1}{2}$ sets 10 13	1 4 35 7 25 6 55
Thursday	18 Pamphilus	" 4:	morn. 	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ in Ω . Altair sets 1 58	1 4 35 7 25 7 42
Friday	19 Council at Nice	" 5:	12 39 	7 φ in Ω . $\frac{1}{2}$ rises 1 9	1 4 35 7 25 8 39
Saturday	20 27 Martyrs	Jude	1 8 	\odot enters $\overline{\text{Cn}}$. Summer Longest Day. Commences	1 4 34 7 26 9 35

25] *3d Sunday after Trinity.*

Luke 15: 1-10; 1 Peter 5: 6-11.




Day's Length, 14 hours, 50 minutes.

Sunday	21 Matt. Claudius	Acts 13: 1-12	2 33		19	● in per. 6 h ☾ . Spica sets 12 23	1 4 25 7 25 10 30
Monday	22 Gottschalk	" 13: 13-52	2 2		1	♂ ☿ ☾ . ♄ stationary	1 4 25 7 25 11 28
Tuesday	23 Gottfried Arnold	" 14:	2 54		13	♂ sets 9 45	2 4 35 7 25 12 22
Wednesday	24 John Baptist	" 15:	3 57		25	7* rises 3 2	2 4 35 7 25 1 18
Thursday	25 Augsburg Conf.	" 16:	♃ rises		6	♂ 25. ♄ south 8 26	2 4 35 7 25 1 57
Friday	26 J. Val. Andreae	" 17: 1-14	8 56		18	♂ rises 12 49	2 4 35 7 25 2 34
Saturday	27 Seven Sleepers	" 17: 15; 18: 11	9 23		0	Wega south 1 25	2 4 35 7 25 3 14

26] *4th Sunday after Trinity.*

Luke 6: 36-42; Rom. 8: 18-23.

Day's Length, 14 hours, 48 minutes.

Sunday	28 Irenæus	1 Thess. 1 :	9 59 	12 Regulus ^{sets} _{10 18} ● in ♍	3 4 36 7 24 3 54
Monday	29 Peter and Paul	“ 2 : 1-16	10 25 	24 ☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	3 4 36 7 24 4 32
Tuesday	30 Raymond Lully	“ 3 : 17 ;	10 48 	7 ☿ ☿ ♄. ♄ south 8 6	3 4 36 7 24 5 14

Moon's Phases.

Last Quarter,	3d,	3	o'clock,	2	minutes,	morning.
New Moon,	11th,	3	"	42	"	"
First Quarter,	18th,	6	"	40	"	"
Full Moon,	25th,	2	"	54	"	"

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, misty ; 3, 4, 5, rain ; 6, 7, 8, fair and cool ; 9, 10, cloudy ; 11, 12, thunder ; 13, 14, 15, fair ; 16, 17, warm ; 18, 19, windy and rain ; 20, 21, 22, clear ; 23, 24, thunder showers ; 25, 26, 27, fair ; 28, 29, cloudy ; 30, fair and warm.

JUNE.

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS, GENERAL SYNOD.

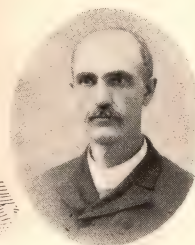
THE Board has under its general supervision all the missions of the Church in the United States. The German missions are, however, directly under a Board elected by the German Synods, and only report to the General Board triennially.

The General Board is composed of the following persons: Revs. J. A. Peters, D. D., J. H. Sechler, D. D., T. J. Barkley, D. D., J. J. Leberman, D. D., S. B. Yockey, D. D., J. Bachman, D. D., E. R. Eschbach, D. D., and C. F. Kriete; Elders Horace Ankeny, C. M. Boush, J. T. Reber and Hon. H. C. Hoover.

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The General Board meets annually in April. The Ex Committee meets quarterly, and attends to all the business of the full Board; but its proceedings are reviewed and approved at the annual meeting.

The number of missions now directly under the care of the Board is one hundred, exclusive of the German. Including English, German, Hungarian and Harbor, there are one hundred and thirty-two missions under its care. There are now six Hungarian missions, including the one in New York City, and one at Mt Carmel, Pa., which are awaiting missionaries from Hungary. The Hungarian work is making rapid strides, and should have the hearty support of the Church.



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REV. LEWIS REITER, PASTOR.

The Board asked the following sums from the Synods for the support of its work—English missions \$40,000, Hungarian \$3,000, and Harbor \$1,000, making in all \$44,000. This is a sum far too small for the work that should be done. Last year less than \$38,000 of this amount was raised, and consequently the Board was embarrassed for lack of funds. The Church should pay the missionary apportionments promptly. Many of our large cities are calling for the establishment of missions. The outlook never was better, and it is only the lack of funds that prevents a great extension of the work.
























































































The Church Extension feature of the work is coming into prominence every year. As we are entering the large cities there is need that this arm of the work be greatly strengthened. Extension funds are much needed, for the purchase of lots and the erection of chapels. The Synods voted *six cents* per member for this work, but this *small* amount has not been fully paid by the majority of the Classes.

Special \$500 Funds are asked for by the Board for this work. Within the last four years *eighteen* such funds have been paid by Classes and private individuals. People of means are urged to give such funds. Many in the Church could give \$500, and thus greatly help the work. The Church should help the Board in its efforts to extend her borders.

JULY,

7th Month, 31 Days.

1896.

WEEKS AND DAYS.	REMARKABLE DAYS.	DAILY BIBLE LESSONS.	MOON R. & S. H. M. S.	MOON'S PLACE. A.	ASPECTS OF PLANETS, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	S. SI.	SUN RISES H. M.	SETS H. M.	HIGH WATER PHILA. H. M.
Wednesday	1 H. Voes and J. Esch	1 Thess. 4:	11 10		19  Regulus sets 10 4	3 4	36 7	24 5	59
Thursday	2 Visit Virgin Mary	" 5:	11 31		2  in apo. 7* sets 1 22	4 4	36 7	24 6	33
Friday	3 Otto Bishop	2 " 1; 2: 1-12	11 54		 in Ap. helion  gr. E. long W.  rises 6 38	4 4	37 7	23 7	4
Saturday	4 Independence	" 2: 13; 3:	morn.		29    gr. sets 12 37	4 4	37 7	23 7	59
27] 5th Sunday after Trinity. Luke 5: 1-11; 1 Peter 3: 8-15. Day's Length, 14 hours, 46 minutes.									
Sunday	5 Lord Cobham	Gal. 1: 1-10	12 34		13  sets 9 2	4 4	37 7	23 8	45
Monday	6 John Huss	Acts 18: 12; 19: 1-10	1 9		28 Arctur sets 2 18	4 4	38 7	22 9	39
Tuesday	7 Willibald	Gal. 1: 11; 2: 1-14	1 41		13  sets 12 49	4 4	38 7	22 10	41
Wednesday	8 Kilian	" 2: 15; 3: 1-14	2 45		   Antares south 11 10	5 4	39 7	21 11	04
Thursday	9 Ephraim the Syr.	" 3: 15	3 45		   Superior 	5 4	39 7	21 12	40
Friday	10 Wm. of Orange	" 4:		sets 28	 10.   Weza south 11 14	5 4	40 7	20 1	22
Saturday	11 Placidus	" 5; 6:	7 48		13 Dog Days Begin.	5 4	40 7	20 2	4
28] 6th Sunday after Trinity. Matt. 5: 20-26; Rom. 6: 3-11. Day's Length, 14 hours, 38 minutes.									
Sunday	12 Henry II.	1 Cor. 1:	8 27		27    sets 8 38	5 4	41 7	19 2	46
Monday	13 Eugenius	" 2:	8 57		1   Geminorum.  in 	5 4	41 7	19 3	30
Tuesday	14 Bonaventura	" 3; 4: 1-4	9 27		25  rises 12 14	5 4	42 7	18 4	14
Wednesday	15 Ansvr	" 4: 5; 5: 1-8	9 49		8  in per. 7* rises 12 33	6 4	43 7	17 4	59
Thursday	16 Anna Askew	" 5: 9; 6:	10 14		21  stationary	6 4	43 7	17 5	47
Friday	17 Speratus and 11 Co.	" 7:	10 40		3  17. Regulus south 8 57 sets 12 8	6 4	44 7	16 6	40
Saturday	18 Arnulf	" 8; 9:	11 10		16  in   	6 4	45 7	15 7	36
29] 7th Sunday after Trinity. Mark 8: 1-9; Rom. 6: 19-23. Day's Length, 14 hours, 28 minutes.									
Sunday	19 Louisa Henrietta	1 Cor. 10; 11: 1	11 44		28    sets 8 16	6 4	46 7	14 8	34
Monday	20 John Marteilhe	" 11: 2	morn.		10 Spica sets 10 43	6 4	46 7	14 9	32
Tuesday	21 Eberhard	" 12: 30	12 58		22  rises 11 58	6 4	47 7	13 10	36
Wednesday	22 Mary Magdalene	" 12: 31; 13:	1 47		4  enters  in Peri-helion, 	6 4	48 7	12 11	28
Thursday	23 Godfr. v Hamele	" 14:	2 44		16  in Perihelion	6 4	49 7	11 12	24
Friday	24 Thos. A. Kempis	" 15: 1-34		rises 29	 24. Altair south 11 28	6 4	50 7	10 1	22
Saturday	25 James the Elder	" 15: 35; 16:	8 4		9  sets 11 39	6 4	50 7	10 2	8
30] 8th Sunday after Trinity. Matt. 7: 15-21; Rom. 8: 12-17. Day's Length, 14 hours, 18 minutes.									
Sunday	26 Christopher	Acts 19: 11; 20:	8 30		21  sets 7 52  in 	6 4	51 7	9 2	53
Monday	27 Raym. Palmarius	2 Cor. 1: 1-22	8 52		4 Arctur sets 12 53	6 4	52 7	8 3	29
Tuesday	28 John Seb. Bach.	" 1: 23; 2:	9 16		16  stationary	6 4	53 7	7 4	18
Wednesday	29 Olaus	" 3; 4: 1-16	9 34		29   Cancri.	6 4	54 7	6 4	55
Thursday	30 Jacob Wessele	" 4: 7; 5: 10	9 56		12  in apo.  rises 11 41	6 4	55 7	5 5	34
Friday	31 John Cas. Schade	" 5: 11; 6; 7: 1	10 20		25    Superior	6 4	56 7	4 6	18

Moon's Phases.

Last Quarter, 2d, 8 o'clock, 23 minutes, evening.
 New Moon, 10th, 2 " 35 " afternoon.
 First Quarter, 17th, 11 " 4 " forenoon.
 Full Moon, 24th, 12 " 45 " noon.

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, 3, fair and warm; 4, 5, showers; 6, 7, 8, fair; 9, 10, variable; 11, 12, thunder; 13, 14, 15, warm; 16, 17, showers; 18, 19, 20, clear and warm; 21, 22, 23, warmest days; 24, 25, thunder; 26, 27, cloudy; 28, 29, fair; 30, 31, variable.

(♀). Venus is in superior conjunction with the Sun on the 9th, and passes from morning to evening Star.

JULY.



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BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

THE Church has her Boards of Education, whose duty it is to receive funds and devote them toward aiding pious young men in their preparation for the Gospel Ministry.

Each of the Synods has its Board. That of the Eastern Synod is known as the Parent Board.

Funds are needed by all of them. Were large amounts at their command, the number of young men in our institutions, preparing for the ministry, would be much greater.

The attention of those who would thus further the cause of Christ, by giving of their means with which the Lord has prospered them, is called to this sacred cause, committed to the several Boards of Education. For the addresses of the several Treasurers, see—WHERE TO SEND CHURCH MONEY.

LESSON HELPS FOR OUR SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

THE lesson helps are now published under the auspices of the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod. The same lessons and comments are used all over the Church, east and west, north and south. There is a great improvement in them over those formerly published. They consequently are calculated to aid greatly teachers and scholars, in the study of their lessons. Teachers have the *Heidelberg Teacher* for their use. The large scholars have the *Scholars' Quarterly* and the *Advanced Lesson Papers*, whilst the infant scholars have the *Primary Lesson Paper* for their use. The comments upon the lessons are from the standpoint of the Church, and consequently the *Helps* containing them are the only proper ones for Sunday-schools of the Reformed Church to use. This should claim the attention of officers of the Sunday-schools of the Church. Reformed Schools should use nothing else.

AUGUST,

8th Month, 31 Days.

1896.

WEEKS AND DAYS.	REMARKABLE DAYS.	DAILY BIBLE LESSONS.	MOON R. & S. H. M. S.	MOON'S PLACE. A.	ASPECTS OF PLANETS, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	S. SI. RISES SETS M. H. M. H. M.	SUN RISES SETS M. H. M. H. M.	HIGH WATER PHILA. H. M.
Saturday	1 Maccabees	Acts 7: 2	10 52		9 1. Spica sets 9 52	64 57 7	3 6 58	
31]	9th Sunday after Trinity.	Luke 16: 1-9; 1 Cor. 10: 6-13.	Day's Length, 14 hours, 4 minutes.					
Sunday	2 Mar. Under Nero	2 Cor. 8:	11 13		23 ♀ gr Hel. Lat. N. 6 ♀ ♄	64 58 7	2 7 50	
Monday	3 William Thorp	" 9:	11 43		7 ♄ rises 11 32	64 59 7	1 8 49	
Tuesday	4 Leonard Kiser	" 10:	morn.		22 ♀ ♄ ♄. ♄ ♄ ♄.	65 07 0	9 44	
Wednesday	5 Transfiguration	" 11:	1 29		7 ♄ ♄ ♄. Orion rises 2 20	65 16 59	10 40	
Thursday	6 Salzb'g Evang.	" 12: 1-8	2 38		22 ♄ sets 10 53	65 26 58	11 32	
Friday	7 Nonna	" 12: 19; 13:	3 41		7 ♄ Sirius rises 4 19	65 36 57	12 24	
Saturday	8 Hormisdas	Acts 20: 1-13	♄ sets		21 ♄ 8. ♄ ♄ ♄. Altair south 10 34	65 46 56	1 13	
32]	10th Sunday after Trinity.	Luke 19: 41-48; 1 Cor. 12: 1-11.	Day's Length, 13 hours, 50 minutes.					
Sunday	9 Numidicus	Rom. 1: 1-13	6 55		5 ♄ ♄ ♄. ♄ ♄ ♄. ♄ ♄ ♄.	65 56 55	1 52	
Monday	10 Laurentius	" 1: 18-31	7 38		20 ♄ sets 7 27	55 66 54	2 30	
Tuesday	11 Greg. of Utrecht	" 2:	7 52		3 ♄ in per. Wega south 9 8	55 76 53	3 21	
Wednesday	12 Ans. of Har'p'g	" 3:	8 23		16 ♄ ♄ ♄. ♄ ♄ ♄. 7* rises 10 45	55 86 52	4 8	
Thursday	13 C'nt of Zinzendorf	" 4:	9 53		29 Algenib south 2 39	55 96 51	4 41	
Friday	14 James Guthrie	" 5: 1-11	9 14		12 ♄ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	45 106 50	5 41	
Saturday	15 Virgin Mary	" 5: 12-21	9 46		24 ♄ 15. ♄ ♄ ♄. ♄ ♄ ♄. ♄ ♄ ♄.	45 116 49	6 40	
33]	11th Sunday after Trinity.	Luke 18: 9-14; 1 Cor. 15: 1-10.	Day's Length, 13 hours, 36 minutes.					
Sunday	16 John of Saxony	Rom. 6:	10 25		6 ♄ rises 11 9	45 126 48	7 39	
Monday	17 John Gerhard	" 7:	11 11		18 ♄ sets 7 23	45 136 47	8 37	
Tuesday	18 Hugo Grotius	" 8: 1-15	morn		0 Aldebaran south 3 42	45 156 45	9 34	
Wednesday	19 Sebaldu	" 8: 16-39	12 50		12 Regulus rises 1 43	35 166 44	10 32	
Thursday	20 Bernard of Clair	" 9: 1-13	1 44		24 Achernon south 3 38	35 176 43	11 30	
Friday	21 1st Morv. Miss.	" 9: 14-33	2 48		6 ♄ sets 9 54	35 186 42	12 21	
Saturday	22 Symphorianus	" 10:	3 56		18 ♄ rises 4 51 ♄ in ♄	35 206 40	1 18	
34]	12th Sunday after Trinity.	Mark 7: 31-37; 2 Cor. 3: 4-11.	Day's Length, 13 hours, 18 minutes.					
Sunday	23 Gasp. de Coligny	Rom. 11:	♄ rises		0 ♄ 23. ♄ enters ♄	25 216 39	1 57	
Monday	24 Bartholomew	" 12:	7 15		14 ♄ Dog Days end	25 226 38	2 35	
Tuesday	25 Louis IX.	" 13:	7 37		26 ♄ in ♄. ♄ rises 10 49	25 236 37	3 13	
Wednesday	26 Ulfilas	" 14:	7 57		9 Markab south 12 40	25 246 36	3 49	
Thursday	27 Jovinian	" 15: 1-13	8 21		22 ♄ in apo. ♄ sets 9 33	15 266 34	4 26	
Friday	28 Aug. of Hippo	" 15: 14-33	8 49		6 ♄ sets 7 13	15 276 33	5 6	
Saturday	29 John Baptist B'd	" 16:	9 22		20 ♄ rises 4 26	15 286 32	5 49	
35]	13th Sunday after Trinity.	Luke 10: 23-37; Gal. 3: 11-22.	Day's Length, 13 hours, 2 minutes.					
Sunday	30 Claude of Turin	Acts 20:	10 0		4 ♄ Altair south 9 8	05 296 31	6 34	
Monday	31 Aidan	" 21:	10 23		18 ♄ 31. ♄ ♄ ♄. ♄ rises 10 37	05 316 29	7 19	

Moon's Phases.

Last Quarter,	1st,	1	o'clock,	34	minutes,	afternoon.
New Moon,	9th,	12	"	1	"	morning.
First Quarter,	15th,	4	"	2	"	evening.
Full Moon,	23d,	2	"	4	"	morning.
Last Quarter,	31st,	5	"	55	"	"

Conjectures of the Weather.

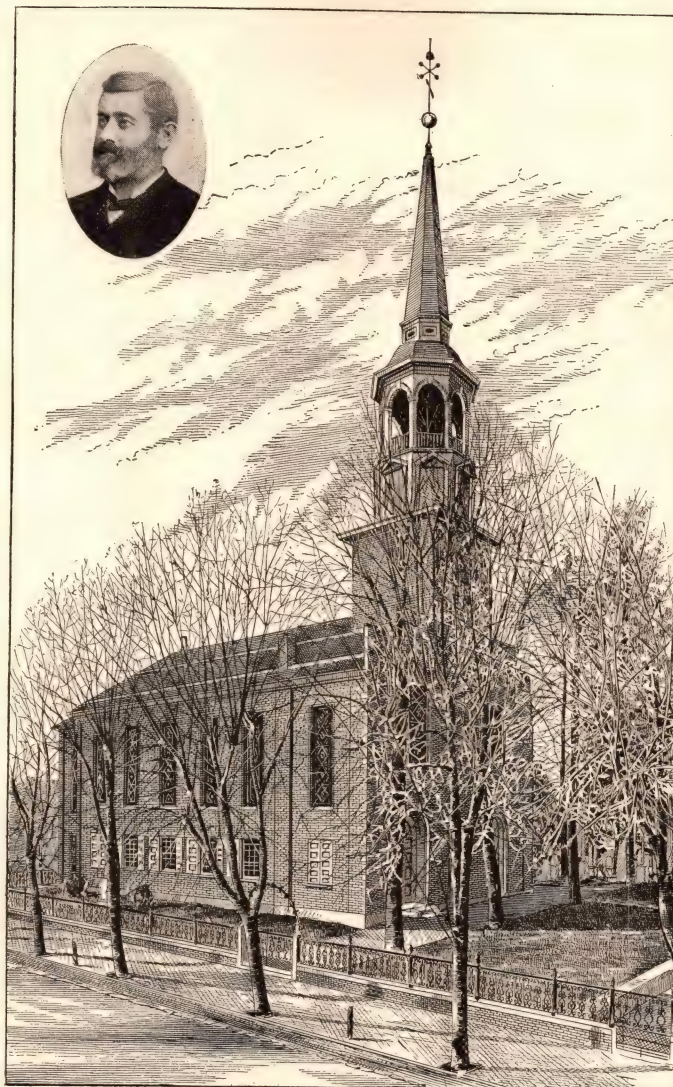
1, 2, rain; 3, 4, 5, warm; 6, 7, variable; 8, 9, 10, fair; 11, 12, cloudy; 13, 14, thunder; 15, 16, 17, fair; 18, 19, cloudy; 20, 21, windy; 22, 23, 24, rain; 25, 26, 27, clear; 28, 29, warm; 30, 31, rain.

(21). Jupiter is in conjunction with the Sun on the 12th, and cannot be seen.

AUGUST.

Our Christian Endeavor Work.

THERE are three hundred and seventy-five Christian Endeavor Societies in our Church, with about fourteen thousand members. The growth of the work has been somewhat slow, but ground gained has been held. A careful estimate authorizes the statement that more than \$10,000 has been contributed by our societies to the general expenses and benevolent giving of the church within the past fifteen months. It is refreshing to notice how liberally sprinkled are our Foreign Mission contribution columns with the society initials. In addition to this, the societies have fostered the spiritual development and religious activity of hundreds of our young people. Though many have apprehended the opposite result, there is no agency more successful in arousing a broad spirit of denominational loyalty. The most interesting features of the great international conventions are



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

the denominational rallies. Including Brotherhood Chapters, King's Daughters Circles, Sisterhoods, Heidelberg Leagues, and Guilds, there are probably 550 young people's organizations in our Church, with a total membership of about 20,000. It is the hope of many that the next General Synod may devise some free and and flexible basis of agreement by which all of these societies may be denominationally united for work in a REFORMED YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION, which will permit a large freedom in non-essentials of local name and methods, whilst linking all together as young Christian workers of the same denomination striving to fit themselves for greater efficiency in pushing forward the interests of Christ and His Church. By this plan Christian Endeavor and other societies could each continue their present names and methods

and yet all be held together, and their efforts concentrated, by a denominational federation.

SEPTEMBER,

9th Month, 30 Days.

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WEEKS AND DAYS.	REMARKABLE DAYS.	DAILY BIBLE LESSONS.	MOON		MOON'S PLACE.	ASPECTS OF PLANETS, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	S. Fs.	SUN			HIGH WATER PHILA.	
			R. & S.					RISES	SETS			
			H.	M. S.	H.			M.	H.	M.		
Tuesday	1 Anna	Acts 22; 23:	11	14		3	☐ ☽ ☉. ☿ ♄ ☾.	☾	05	32	6 28	7 58
Wednesday	2 Mammas	“ 24; 25:	morn.			17	♄ sets 9 12		15	33	6 27	8 56
Thursday	3 Hildegarde	“ 26:	12	39		2	Rigel rises 11 50		15	34	6 26	9 54
Friday	4 Ida v. Herzfeld	“ 27:	1	32		16	♄ in Aphelion		15	26	6 24	10 52
Saturday	5 John Mollio	“ 28:	2	49		0	Sirius rises 2 40. ☉ in ♄		15	37	6 23	11 50

36] 14th Sunday after Trinity.

Luke 17: 11-19; Gal. 5: 16-24.

Day's Length, 12 hours, 42 minutes.

Sunday	6 Martin Weibel	Eph. 1: 1-14	3 59		14	☿ ☽ ☾. ☿ rises 4 4		25 39	6 21	12 45	
Monday	7 Laz. Spengler	" 1: 15; 2: 1-10	☽ sets		28	☾ 7. Orion rises 12 19		25 40	6 20	1 42	
Tuesday	8 Corbinian	" 2: 11; 3:	6 47		11	☾ in per. ☿ ♄ ☾. ♄ sets 7 1		25 41	6 19	2 36	
Wednesday	9 Luigi Resquali	" 4: 1-17	7 16		24	☿ ☽ ☾. ☽ rises 10 26		35 42	6 18	2 27	
Thursday	10 Paul Seperatus	" 4: 18	7 46		7	Markab south 11 37		35 44	6 16	4 14	
Friday	11 John Brenz	" 5; 6: 1-9	8 24		20	☿ ♄ ☾. ☿ ♄ ☾. ♄ sets 8 39		45 45	6 15	4 59	
Saturday	12 Dionys's Pel'oq'n	" 6: 10	9 8		2	☐ ☽ ☾. Andromeda south 12 35		45 46	6 14	5 48	

37] 15th Sunday after Trinity.

Matt. 6: 24-34; Gal. 5: 25-6: 10.

Day's Length, 12 hours, 26 minutes.

Sunday	13 William Farel	Col. 1:	10 18		14	☾ 13. ☽ gr. Elong. East ☽ sets 6 53		45 47	6 13	6 37	
Monday	14 Cyprian	" 2; 3: 1-4	11 6		26	☽ rises 3 41		55 49	6 11	7 21	
Tuesday	15 A. v. Grumbach	" 3: 5; 4:	morn.		8	Arctur sets 9 48	☾	55 50	6 10	8 13	
Wednesday	16 Ember Day	Philemon	12 48		20	Formal south 11 12		55 51	6 9	8 58	
Thursday	17 Lambert	Philip. 1: 1-26	1 49		2	☽ sets 6 47		65 53	6 7	9 50	
Friday	18 A. G. Spangenberg	" 1: 27; 2:	2 54		14	♄ sets 8 10	☾ in ☿	65 54	6 6	10 49	
Saturday	19 Thos. of St. Paul	" 3: 4:	3 52		26	☿ ☽ Leonis		65 56	6 4	11 42	

38] 16th Sunday after Trinity.

Luke 7: 11-17; Ephes. 3: 13-21.

Day's Length, 12 hours, 6 minutes.

Sunday	20 Magdal. Luther	1 Tim. 1:	4 49		9	☽ rises 3 23		75 57	6 3	12 41	
Monday	21 Matthew	" 2:	☽ rises		22	☾ 21. ☽ rises 9 52		75 59	6 1	1 24	
Tuesday	22 Mauritius	" 3:	6 2		5	☾ en- ters. Autumn Begins. Night Equal.		76 06	0 2	6 6	
Wednesday	23 Mart. of Geneva	" 3; 4: 4-10	6 29		19	☾ in apo. Achernon south 1 20		86 25	58	2 48	
Thursday	24 Jno. Jacob Moser	" 4: 11; 5: 16	6 55		3	☿ ☽ ☽. ☿ ♄ ☽. Antares south 8 37		86 35	57	3 32	
Friday	25 Augsburg Treaty	" 5: 17	7 23		17	☽ gr. Hel. Lat. south		86 45	56	4 16	
Saturday	26 Lioba	" 6:	7 59		1	☽ stationary		96 55	55	4 59	

39] 17th Sunday after Trinity.

Luke 14: 1-11; Ephes. 4: 1-16.

Day's Length, 11 hours, 48 minutes.

Sunday	27 Phil. Graveron	Titus 1:	8 42		15	☽ rises 3 3		96 65	54	5 46	
Monday	28 A. Carenbach	" 2:	9 36		29	☽ ☽ ☽. ☽ ☽ ☽. ♄ rises 9 32		96 75	53	6 38	
Tuesday	29 St. Michael	" 3:	10 33		8	☽ 29. ☽ sets 6 27	☾	106 85	52	7 26	
Wednesday	30 Jerome	2 Tim. 1:	11 3		17	♄ sets 7 28		106 105	50	8 10	

Moon's Phases.

New Moon,	7th,	8 o'clock,	43 minutes,	forenoon.
First Quarter,	13th,	11 "	9 "	evening.
Full Moon,	12th,	5 "	49 "	"
Last Quarter,	29th,	8 "	58 "	"

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, fair; 3, 4, rain; 5, 6, clear; 7, 8, variable; 9, 10, thunder; 11, 12, clear; 13, 14, 15, fair and warm; 16, 17, cloudy; 18, 19, rain; 20, 21, fair and cool; 24, 25, windy; 26, 27, cloudy; 28, 29, 30, rain.

SEPTEMBER.

THE BROTHERHOOD OF ANDREW AND PHILIP.

THIS excellent organization of Reformed origin continues to meet with favor in our own and other churches. The growth is steady. There are now one hundred chapters in the Reformed Church, about the same number in the Presbyterian Church, while another hundred chapters are found in the Congregational, Methodist Protestant, Methodist Episcopal, Baptist, United Brethren, Lutheran and other churches.

The Second Federal Convention, held in November, 1895, at Philadelphia, was largely attended. Addresses were made by men prominent in the great churches of the land.

The burning question of the day, discussed in magazines, newspapers, etc., as well as in religious gatherings, is: How increase the attendance and interest of men in the churches?

The Brotherhood, with its simple, definite plans of individual work, and its one object, "the spread of Christ's kingdom among young men," seems raised up of Providence to largely aid in the solution of this question. It emphasizes the one idea, "Give the young men something to do."

The Brotherhood is a spiritual order for spiritual ends, under the sheltering arms of the Church. It attains its sole object only by the efforts of spiritual men. It accordingly lays great stress on persevering daily prayer, and holy example, and the brotherly influence of godly young men upon their companions.

All applications for constitution, literature, etc., should be addressed, THE BROTHERHOOD STAR, Reading, Pa.

If you want to turn your back on your troubles, turn your face toward Jesus Christ.



JOHN H. SECHLER, D. D.

Pastor of First Reformed Church Philadelphia, and Acting Professor of Church History, Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa.

LAZY CHRISTIANS.

Do not be a lazy Christian. Be lazy in your worldly matters, if you will; you will soon feel the effects of it; but don't be lazy in your Christian work. Let it be done promptly. Keep up to time with it. It must not lag behind. Don't be late in the house of God. Don't come in five minutes after the service begins, to disturb pastor and the worship. Don't be late at the prayer-meeting. You lose much by it. It is the disadvantage of others also. Don't neglect the evening service because you are weary, or it is too warm. Don't let your class believe you are a lazy laggard, because they are there and you are not. Be on hand, be up to time, be energetic, as one determined by the grace of God to suc-

ceed, and you will know no failure. The sluggard is the man who says: "yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep." His "poverty shall come as a man that travelth and his want as an armed man." Spiritual poverty is awfully to be dreaded. Then beware of being a sluggish Christian.

PARENTS cannot transmit their religion to their children, but they do transmit certain invaluable fruits of their religion. Good men cannot transfer their goodness to their neighbors, but it is not possible for a good man to live in a community without imparting a blessing. The faith of Joseph was a lasting benefit to Egypt. The ship's passengers and crew on the Mediterranean were highly favored in having Paul's presence and prayers. God did good to Israel for his servant David's sake. The descendants of godly ancestors inherit treasures more valuable than gold.

OCTOBER,

10th Month, 31 Days.

1896.

WEEKS AND DAYS.	REMARKABLE DAYS.	DAILY BIBLE LESSONS.	MOON		MOON'S PLACE.	ASPECTS OF PLANETS, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	S. Fs.	SUN RISES SETS			HIGH WATER PHILA. H. M.
			R. H.	S. M.				M.	H.	M.	
Thursday	1 Remigius	2 Tim. 2:	morn.		13	Wega south 5 50	☾	10 6	11 5	49	8 56
Friday	2 Chr. Schmidt	" 3:	12 40		25	Orion rises 10 35		11 6	12 5	48	9 52
Saturday	3 The two Ewalds	" 4:	1 57		9	♄ ♃ ♄. ♃ rises 2 44	● in ☾	11 6	13 5	47	10 48

40] 18th Sunday after Trinity.

Matt 22: 34-46; 1 Cor. 1: 4-9.

Day's Length, 11 hours, 30 minutes.

Sunday	4 Franciscus	Heb. 1:	2 59	☾	23	7* rises 7 30		11 6	15 5	45	11 44
Monday	5 Petro Carnesec	" 2:	4 30	☾	6	♄ rises 9 17		11 6	16 5	44	12 40
Tuesday	6 Henry Albert	" 3; 4:	☾ sets		19	6. ● in per.	Sirius rises 12 47	12 6	17 5	43	1 30
Wednesday	7 Theodore Benza	" 5:	5 42	☾	2	♄ ♄ ♄. Antares	sets 7 50	12 6	19 5	41	2 18
Thursday	8 Robt. of Lincoln	" 6:	6 18	☾	15	♄ ♄ ♄. ♄ ♄ ☾ In-ferior. ♄ sets 6 30	sets 6 30	12 6	20 5	40	3 4
Friday	9 Dionysius Areo	" 7:	7 1	☾	28	♄ ♄ ♄. ♄ in ☾. ♄ ♄ ♄. ♄ sets 6 57	sets 6 57	13 6	21 5	39	3 48
Saturday	10 Justus Jonas	" 8:	7 55	☾	10	♃ rises 2 22		13 6	23 5	37	4 30

41] 19th Sunday after Trinity.

Matt 9: 6-8; Ephes. 4: 22-28.

Day's Length, 11 hours, 12 minutes.

Sunday	11 U. Zwingli died	Heb. 9: 1-14	8 57	☾	22	Regulus rises 10 31		13 6	24 5	36	5 14
Monday	12 Henry Bullinger	" 1: 15	10 9	☾	4	♄ rises 8 57		13 6	25 5	35	5 54
Tuesday	13 Elizabeth Frey	" 10; 1-18	11 8	☾	16	13. ♄ in ☾. Arctur sets 5 10	sets 5 10	14 6	27 5	33	6 40
Wednesday	14 Nich. Ridley	" 10: 19	morn.	☾	28	♄ in ☾. Altair south 6 20		14 6	28 5	32	7 21
Thursday	15 Aurelia	" 11:	12 52	☾	10	♄ ♄ ♄. ♄ sets 6 26	☾	14 6	29 5	31	8 13
Friday	16 Gallus	" 12:	1 49	☾	22	♄ stationary. ● in ☾		14 6	30 5	30	8 59
Saturday	17 Rev. Edict of Nantes	" 13:	2 50	☾	4	♄ rises 2 2		15 6	32 5	28	9 57

42] 20th Sunday after Trinity.

Matt. 2: 21-14; Ephes. 5: 15-21.

Day's Length, 10 hours, 54 minutes.

Sunday	18 St. Luke Evang.	Matt. 3:	3 50	☾	17	♄ in Perihelion. Markab south 9 26		15 6	33 5	27	10 55
Monday	19 Bruno	" 4: 1-22	5 2	☾	0	♄ ♄ ♄. ♄ rises 8 35		15 6	34 5	26	11 49
Tuesday	20 F. Lamb't of Avi	" 4: 23; 5: 1-12	5 49	☾	15	Algenib south 10 8		15 6	35 5	25	12 40
Wednesday	21 Hilarion	" 5: 13-32	☾ rises		28	21. ● in apo. Aldebaran rises 7 49		15 6	37 5	23	1 31
Thursday	22 Hedwig	" 5: 33-48	5 23	☾	12	♄ sets 6 8		15 6	38 5	22	2 19
Friday	23 Henry Martin	" 6:	5 59	☾	26	☾ enters ♄. Polaris south 11 3		16 6	39 5	21	3 5
Saturday	24 Arethas	" 7:	6 41	☾	13	♄ gr. Elong. W. ♄ rises 4 51		16 6	40 5	20	3 50

43] 21st Sunday after Trinity.

John 4: 47-54; Ephes. 6: 10-17.

Day's Length, 10 hours, 36 minutes.

Sunday	25 John Herz	Matt. 8: 1-17	7 30	☾	26	♄ ♄ ♄. ♄ sets 6 21		16 6	42 5	18	4 32
Monday	26 Frederick III.	" 8: 17-34	8 26	☾	10	♄ ♄ ♄. ♄ rises 8 11	☾	16 6	43 5	17	5 16
Tuesday	27 Frumentius	" 9:	9 30	☾	24	Arietis south 11 34		16 6	44 5	16	5 56
Wednesday	28 Simeon and Jude	" 10:	10 34	☾	8	♄ gr. Hel. Lat. N.		16 6	45 5	15	6 54
Thursday	29 Alfred the Great	" 16:	11 8	☾	22	29. Orion rises 9 1		16 6	47 5	13	7 52
Friday	30 Jacob Sturm	" 12:	morn.	☾	6	Markab south 8 36	☾ in ☾	16 6	48 5	12	8 51
Saturday	31 Reformation Fes.	" 13:	12 49	☾	19	♄ ♄ ♄. ♄ rises 1 17		16 6	49 5	11	9 50

Moon's Phases.

New Moon,	6th,	5 o'clock,	18 minutes,	evening.
First Quarter,	13th,	9	47	forenoon.
Full Moon,	21st,	11	17	"
Last Quarter,	29th,	10	20	"

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, 3, clear and cool; 4, 5, cloudy; 6, 7, 8, cool and fair; 9, 10, frosty; 11, 12, fair; 13, 14, variable; 15, 16, 17, rain; 18, 19, fair; 20, 21, cloudy; 22, rain; 23, 24, 25, fair; 26, 27, windy; 28, cloudy; 29, 30, rain; 31, clear and cold.

OCTOBER.

The General Sunday-School Work.

THE Sunday-school Board of the General Synod has under its supervision and management the general Sunday-school work of our Reformed Church. This work, for the sake of definite and careful attention, is divided into four departments: The Department of Statistics, of Missionary and Sunday-school Work, of Instruction and Publication. The plan of extending and improving Reformed schools, adopted by the Board, is to co-operate and work through the several District Synodical Sunday-school Boards and the Permanent Committee on Sunday-school Work of the various Classes.

During the last year a Statistical Blank-form was issued by the Board, and used quite generally. A full supply of Home Department requisites was published; some thirty schools organized a Home Department. Leaflets of various kinds have been issued. The Lesson Helps of the Church have been enlarged and improved, especially *The Heidelberg Teacher*. The Sunday-school membership has had a marked increase. Mission Sunday-school work has been carried forward. Over twenty-five schools organized and aided by grants of literature, etc., from which a number of congregations have been organized. Rev. J. C. Horning, commissioned Sept. 1, 1895, is now the Permanent Sunday-school Missionary of the Board. This mission work and the entire



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work of the Board is almost wholly supported by the offerings of the schools on Children's Day. The Board prepares and gives a Children's Day Service to the schools. Nearly 90,000 copies, English and German, of the service "Beautiful Zion," was used last year.

The one special effort which the Board urges upon all schools is to join in "the united movement for a larger Sunday-school membership." It calls upon every school to have a Sunday-school membership equal to or larger than the membership of the congregation.

The officers of the Board are Rev. C. Clever, D. D., Baltimore, Md., *Pres't*; Rev. C. F. Kriete, Louisville, Ky., *Vice-Pres't*; Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D., Green-

ville, Pa., *Sec'y*; Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Columbiana, O., *Treas.* Rev. Rufus W. Miller, Reading, Pa., is the General Secretary, who has general charge of the work, and to whom all communications should be addressed. The yearly Report of the Board can be obtained by addressing the General Secretary.

A MAN does not become a better Christian by associating himself with a larger and more influential church, but by following more closely in the footsteps of the Master. Whatever influences companionship may have, the growth of every soul depends most of all upon itself.

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(7). Saturn is in conjunction with the Sun on the 13th, and cannot be seen.

NOVEMBER.

Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in U. S.

THIS is the oldest charitable institution in the Reformed Church in this country. It was organized more than one hundred years ago, and was incorporated by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, March 26th, 1810. Its design is to assist ministers' widows and their families, and also superannuated and disabled ministers themselves, who are members of it, and whose pecuniary resources are not sufficient to give them a living, when no longer able to serve the Church.

There are two classes of members—annual contributing and life members. By paying an initiation fee of five dollars, and thereafter annually three dollars, a minister of our Church becomes the former, and by the payment of sixty-five dollars becomes the latter.

The principal income of the Society, however, is from invested funds and collections in the churches. Collections and donations for immediate use are earnestly solicited. That more attention should be given to this society and its worthy object cannot be disputed. Let it be remembered annually by individuals and congregations.

The CHARTER officers are W. M. Deatrick, D.D., Mercersburg, Pa., *President*; E. R. Eschbach, D.D., Frederick, Md., *Vice-President*; Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, Middletown, Md., *Secretary*; Rev. S. S. Miller, Mt. Pleasant, Md., *Treasurer*; and Revs. J. David Miller, Marysville, Pa., and S. E. Stofflet, Hazleton, Pa., *Adsessors*.

Honorary or Synodical Vice-Presidents to represent the interests of the Society in their respective synods: *Eastern*, Jas. Crawford, D.D.; *Pittsburg*, Rev. A. M. Schmidt; *Ohio*, S. B. Yockey, D.D.; *Central*, J. H. Stepler, D.D.; *Interior*, Rev. D. B. Shuey; and *German—East*, Rev. W. Walenta.



THE LATE FRANKLIN K. LEVAN, D. D.,
OF WILKESBARRE, PA.
Died November 13th, 1894.

Our Orphans' Homes.

Bethany, Womelsdorf, Pa.,—Rev. T. M. Yundt, Superintendent. Number of children, 107.

St. Paul's, Butler, Pa.—Rev. P. C. Prugh, D.D., Superintendent. Number of children, 85.

Reformed, Fort Wayne, Ind.—Rev. J. Rettig, Superintendent. Number of children, 63.

Zoar, Detroit, Mich.—Rev. Wm. Hansen, Superintendent. Number of children, 46.

Remember these at Christmas time.

No Christian parent should feel that his child is safe until he is in Christ. Even then he may be led astray. A gracious soul may fall into

sin. But when the holy angels have charge over him, when God is his refuge, when he ever abides under the shadow of Jehovah's wings, and is upheld by the right hand of his righteousness, he is as safe as he can be in this world. If he does fall he will rise again. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

THE consciousness of having done right affords comfort and satisfaction, even though it excites persecution and opposition. The consciousness of having done wrong causes pain and uneasiness, even though it brings praise and applause.

IF the fault-finder should spend the time he usually takes in criticising others in faithful study of himself, he would doubtless find himself too busy to resume his old occupation.

SOME people say that they are building a temple to God, but they live in the basement story of it.

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(♄). Mars is in opposition with the Sun on the 10th, and shines all night.

DECEMBER.

Woman's Missionary Society of The General Synod.

THIS Society was organized at Akron, O., June, 1887. Its object is to aid in the advancement of the work of Christian missions in home and foreign lands, with a view especially to the enlightenment and elevation of woman. It is actively engaged in planning new work, organizing congregational and classical societies, and raising money for home and foreign work. It supports, through the Board of Foreign Missions, the Girls' School, Sendai, Japan.

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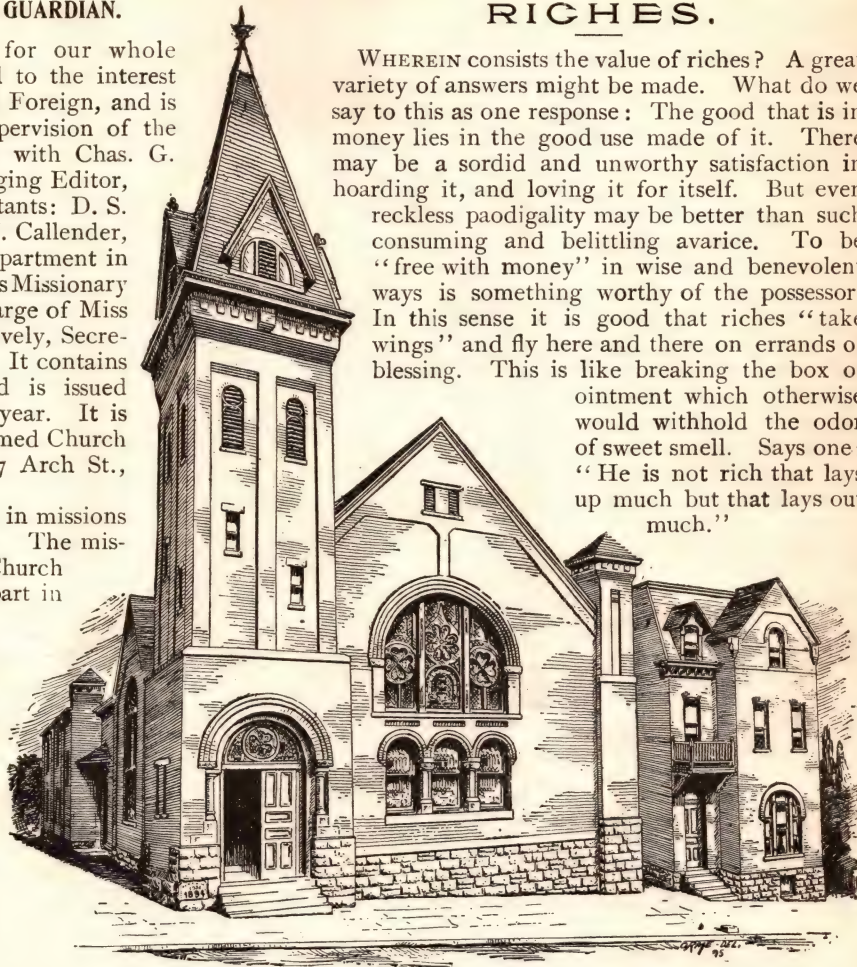
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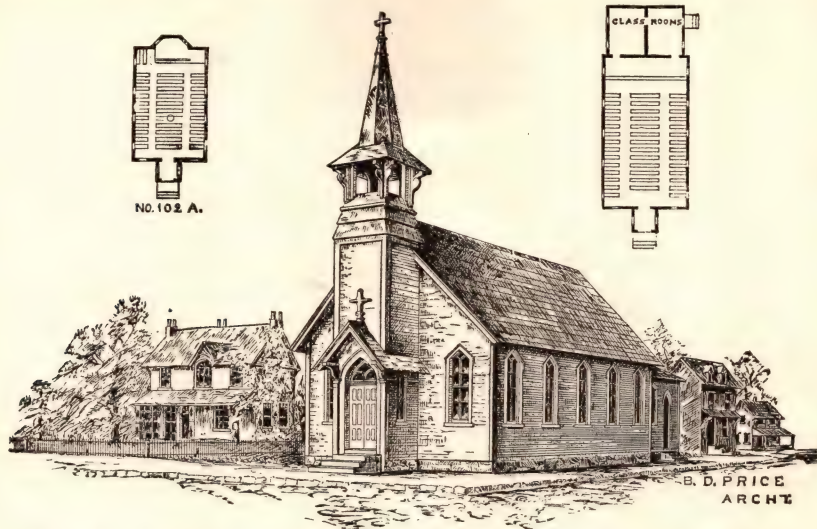
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NECROLOGY.

FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1894, TO AUGUST 31, 1895.

HAWKER, REV. A.—Born November 1, 1813, near Dayton, O. Licensed and ordained 1872. Served Mt. Carmel and Pisgah Churches, near Dayton O., until old age compelled his retirement. A wife and seven children survive him. Died February 27th, 1895, aged 81 years, 3 months and 16 days. Buried at Hawker's Church.

HEILMAN, REV. CALVIN UHRICH.—Son of George G. Heilman. Born at Heilmandale, Lebanon Co., Pa., November 29, 1840. Graduated from Franklin and Marshall College, 1862; from the Theological Seminary, Mercersburg, Pa., 1864. Was licensed by the Eastern Synod, 1864. First charge, St. Clairsville, Pa., seven years; (2) was Financial Agent of Franklin and Marshall College, nearly four years; (3) Paradise, Somerset Co., Pa., ten years; (4) Water Street, eight years; (5) Greencastle, Pa., until his death. Was a member of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, and of the Board of Agents of Mercersburg College. Married Miss Mary D. Mellvaine, who, with three children, one son and two daughters, survives him. Died at Petersburg, Pa., July 24th, 1895, aged 54 years, 8 months and 4 days. Buried at Hill Church, near Annville, Pa.

HOFFMEIER, REV. HENRY W.—Son of Rev. Chas. F. and Margaret Hoffmeier. Born in Lancaster, Pa., December 26, 1862. Completed his course in the Theological Seminary, Mercersburg, Pa., 1886. Licensed and ordained same year. He served the following charges: Yellow Creek, Bedford Co., Pa.; Mill Creek, Shenandoah Co., Va., and Zion Valley, Allegheny Co., Pa. On his retirement from the active ministry, he was, for some years, an agent of the Publication Board of the Church. In 1880, he engaged in the drug business, in Middletown, Md., and continued in the business until August, 1894. From the latter date his health declined. Was unmarried. Died April 12, 1895, aged 62 years, 3 months and 16 days. Buried at Middletown, Md.

LAKE, REV. O. E.—Born in Wayne Co., O., October 8, 1837. Prepared at Haskell's Academy, Loudonville, O., and Vermilion Institute, Haysville, O. Entered Theological Seminary, Tiffin, O., 1863. Licensed and ordained, 1866. First charge, Reedsburg, O., seven months; (2) Shelbyville, Ills., three years; (3) Mohicanville, O., four years; (4) Glade, Md., five years and six months; (5) Mound City, Ks., Congregational Church, five years; Holton, Ks., January, 1864, till his death. Married three times—first, to Sarah E. Burnside, Tiffin, O.; second, Laura Mish; third, Lillie Zimmerman, Walkersville, Md., January 18, 1876, who, with a daughter, by first marriage, and two daughters by third wife, survives him. Died June 15, 1895, aged 57 years, 8 months and 7 days. Buried at Holton, Ks.

LEINBACH, REV. JOHN HIESTER.—Son of Rev. A. S. Leinbach, D. D. Born in 1852, at Reading, Pa. Prepared for college at Boys' High School, Reading, Pa. Graduated from Franklin and Marshall

College, 1875; from the Theological Seminary, 1878. Licensed and ordained 1878. Assisted his father until 1881, when he became pastor of three Churches in Berks Co., Pa. Afterwards became pastor of St. John's Church, Kutztown, Pa., and supply at St. Peters. Some months before his death, on account of ill-health, was granted a leave of absence. He gradually grew worse, and died August 25, 1895, in the forty-third year of his age. He was unmarried. Buried at Reading, Pa.

LEVAN, D. D., REV. FRANKLIN K.—Born in Maxatawny Twp., Berks Co., Pa., July 15, 1831. Prepared for college at Elmwood Institute, Norristown, Pa. Graduated from Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, 1853, and from Theological Seminary, Mercersburg, Pa., 1856. Licensed 1856; ordained 1857. Pastor in Somerset Co., seven years. Principal of Westmoreland College, Mt. Pleasant, Pa., six years; lived in retirement at Oakland five years. Local Missionary Bishop and General Superintendent of Missions, five years. Pastor of Zion's Reformed Church, from 1873 till his death. From 1888 to 1894 was contributor to the *Reformed Church Messenger*, and from latter date, till his death, leading editorial writer for the same. Married in 1864, Sarah Ann Ermentrout, who, with one son and two daughters, survives him. Died November 13, 1894, aged 63 years, 3 months and 18 days. Buried at Reading, Pa.

PHILLIPS, REV. SAMUEL HILTON.—Son of George W. and Mary Phillips. Born June 3, 1863. Graduated from Ursinus College, 1885, and in theology, 1887. Licensed and ordained 1887. First and only charge, Durham, Bucks Co., Pa. Was unmarried. Died from blood-poisoning, July 9, 1895, in the thirty-third year of his age. Buried at Stone Church, Northampton Co., Pa.

SPANGLER, REV. PETER J.—But little known of his early life. Began preparation for the ministry under Rev. Geo. Schlosser, Navarre, O., in 1842. Was ordained a few years later. Up to 1859 he served congregations in Stark, Wayne, Summit and Defiance Cos., O., and Marshall Co., Ind. Then he retired on account of ill-health. In 1861 received a call to Navarre, served it until 1865, when he became pastor of Lafayette Charge. In 1869, he accepted a call to North Union Charge. In 1873 he accepted a call to Marshall Co., Ind., charge. In 1874 he became pastor of the Summit Charge, and served it until 1879, when his health failed, and he removed to Jarvis; afterwards he removed to Plymouth, Ind., and took charge of a congregation in that place. Was obliged to again retire, and ceased his regular labors. Married twice. First wife died July 20, 1862; second wife, Rachel A. Everhart, who, with nine children, survives him. Died June 10, 1895, aged 80 years, 11 months and 24 days. Buried at Lost Creek Cemetery, O.

PRINCIPAL EVENTS IN THE CHURCH.

FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1894, TO AUGUST 31, 1895.

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| 1894. | | Oct. | 7—Dedication of new Church, West Alexandria, O., Rev. R. Keller, pastor. |
| Sept. | 2—Laying corner-stone of Grace Reformed Church, Avon, Pa., Rev. H. J. Welker, pastor. | " | " " Dedication of new Church, Grafton, Pa., Rev. H. E. Jones, pastor. |
| " | " " Laying corner-stone of St. John's Reformed Church, Eckley, Pa. | " | 10—Annual Meeting of Ohio Synod, West Alexandria, O., Rev. J. H. Steele, President; T. H. Reiter, D. D., Stated Clerk. |
| " | 23—Laying corner-stone of Reformed Hungarian Church, Cleveland, O., Rev. G. Jurany, pastor. | " | " " Twenty-fifth Meeting of the Synod of Pittsburgh, Greensburg, Pa.; Rev. P. C. Prugh, D. D., President; Rev. J. H. Mickley, Stated Clerk. |
| " | 16—Centennial of St. John's Reformed Church, Sinking Spring, Berks Co., Pa., Rev. W. J. Kershner, pastor. | " | 11—Eighth Annual Meeting of Synod of the Interior, in Bethany Reformed Church, Hiawatha, Ks., Rev. T. F. Stauffer, President; D. B. Shuey, Stated Clerk. |
| Oct. | 3—Twenty-eighth meeting of Synod of the Northwest, St. Louis, Mo., Rev. C. E. Kriete, President; Rev. J. J. Jannett, Stated Clerk. | | |

PRINCIPAL EVENTS IN THE CHURCH—Continued.

1894.
Oct. 16—Twenty-second Annual Meeting of Synod of the Potomac, Trinity Reformed Church, York, Pa., Rev. R. L. Gerhart, President; W. M. Deatrick, D. D., Stated Clerk.
“ “ Annual Meeting of Central Synod, New Knoxville, O., Rev. M. Vitz, President; J. Bachman, D. D., Stated Clerk.
“ 17—One Hundred and Forty-eight Annual Meeting of Eastern Synod, Second Reformed Church, Harrisburg, Pa., Rev. F. K. Levan, D. D., President; Rev. Jno. P. Stein, Stated Clerk.
“ 20—Laying corner-stone of the First Reformed Church, of Whitemarsh, Fort Washington, Pa.
“ 28—Dedication of Church at Penbrook, Pa., Rev. F. L. Kerr, pastor.
Nov. 13—Death of Rev. Franklin K. Levan, D. D., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
Dec. 2—Dedication of Trinity Reformed Church, Dayton, O.; Rev. C. E. Miller, pastor.
“ 16—Dedication of St. John's Reformed Church, Shamokin, Pa.; Rev. C. B. Schneder, pastor.
“ 24—Return of Rev. W. E. Hoy, after having spent nine years in Japan, on a leave of absence.
1895.
Feb. 27—Death of Rev. A. Hawker, near Dayton, O.
March 3—Dedication of Reformed Church at Edinburg, Ills.; Rev. C. F. Althouse, pastor.
April 12—Death of Rev. H. W. Hoffmeier, Middletown, Md.
“ 17—Commencement of Theological Seminary, Tiffin, O.; *ten* graduates.
“ 21—Dedication of Grace Reformed Church, Fort Wayne, Ind., Rev. A. K. Zartman, pastor.
“ “ Dedication of First Reformed Church, New Philadelphia, O.; Rev. J. B. Rust, pastor.
“ 24—Dedication of Sunday-school Annex, of Salem's Reformed Church, Allentown, Pa., Rev. G. W. Richards, pastor.
“ 28—Dedication of St. Paul's Reformed Church, Roanoke, Va., Rev. Lewis Reiter, pastor.
May 5—Dedication of Christ Reformed Church, Hagerstown, Md., Rev. Geo. A. Snyder, pastor.
“ 9—Seventieth Anniversary of Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.; *nineteen* graduates.
“ 15—Death of Japanese student, George Kinzo, Kaneko, Lancaster, Pa.
“ 17—Dedication of Mt. Zion Reformed Church, Paris, Bedford Co., Pa., Rev. S. U. Waugaman, pastor.
“ 19—Dedication of new Church, East Homer, O., Rev. S. E. Kloppenstein, pastor.
“ 27—Dedication of Emanuel's Reformed Church, Lansford, Pa., Rev. M. J. Roth, pastor.
June 1—Laying corner-stone of St. Jacob's Church, O., Rev. D. A. Parks, pastor.
“ 2—Commencement of Mercersburg College, Mercersburg, Pa.
1895.
June 5—Commencement of Womans' College, Frederick, Md.; *thirteen* graduates.
“ 9—Laying corner-stone of Reformed Church, Salisbury, Rev. D. H. Leader, pastor.
“ 10—Death of Rev. Peter J. Spangler, Farmer, O.
“ 13—Twenty fifth Commencement of Allentown College for Women, Allentown, Pa.; *seven* graduates.
“ “ Fifty-ninth Commencement of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa.; *twenty-seven* graduates.
“ 15—Death of Rev. O. E. Lake, Holton, Ks.
“ 19—Commencement of Calvin College, Cleveland, O., H. J. Ruetenik, D. D., President; *five* graduates.
“ 20—Annual Commencement of Heidelberg University, Tiffin, O.; *twelve* graduates.
“ “ Twenty-fifth Commencement of Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa.; *seven* graduates.
July 11—Laying corner-stone of Emanuel's Church, Abbottstown, Pa., Rev. P. E. Heimer, pastor.
“ 14—Formal Opening of Chapel of Calvary Reformed Church, Scranton, Pa., Rev. W. H. Stubblebine, pastor.
“ 18—Reformed Reunion at Pen-Mar, 6000 present.
“ 21—Dedication of First Church of Whitemarsh, Fort Washington, Pa., Rev. D. N. Dittmar, pastor.
“ 22-26—Butler Assembly of Reformed Ministers, Butler, Pa.
“ 24—Death of Rev. C. U. Heilman, of Greencastle, Pa., at Petersburg, Pa.
“ 28—Dedication of Church at McConnellsburg, Pa., Rev. G. C. Erb, pastor.
“ “ Dedication of Church at Waukon, Ia., Rev. L. Kunst, pastor.
“ 30—Laying corner-stone of Zion's Reformed Church, Warren, O., Rev. C. W. Brugh, pastor.
August 1—Reformed Reunion at Idlewild, Westmoreland, Co., Pa.
“ “ Reunion of Reformed People of St. Paul's Classis, Connecticut Lake, Pa.
“ 2-4—Centennial of Grace or Lower Stone Church, N. C., Rev. Paul Barringer, pastor.
“ 4—Laying corner-stone of 4th Reformed Church, Harrisburg, Pa., Rev. M. H. Sangree, pastor.
“ 8—Centennial of St. John's Reformed (Towamensing) Church, Carton Co., Pa., Rev. L. M. Kerschner, pastor.
“ 18—Laying corner-stone of Emanuel Reformed (German) Church, Buffalo, N. Y., Rev. J. Stoner, pastor.
“ 25—Death of Rev. J. Hiester Leinbach, Reading, Pa.
“ “ Laying corner-stone of (5th) Memorial Reformed Church, Dayton, O., Rev. G. W. Willard, D. D., pastor.
“ 30—Bethany Day at Bethany Orphan's Home, Womelsdorf, over 7000 people present; Rev. T. M. Yundt, Superintendent.

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ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be known as the Missionary Society of _____ Reformed Church at _____, whose object shall be to advance the cause of missions.

ARTICLE II.

The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President a Secretary, and a Treasurer, to serve one year.

ARTICLE III.

These officers, together with the Pastor as Chairman, shall be an Executive Committee, whose duty shall be: to arrange the program for monthly meetings and anniversary services, to examine and approve all readings, recitations, essays and reports, before they are given in public, and to carry out any instructions given by the Society.

ARTICLE IV.

This Executive Committee shall divide the congregation into several districts, and appoint two persons over each district as collectors, whose duty shall be to secure the names of new members, to collect every month the offerings of all the members and of others who may be monthly contributors, to report their work at each regular meeting and pay over their collections to the Treasurer. These collectors shall serve four months.

ARTICLE V.

Each member shall give as God has prospered him, but not less than five cents a month.

ARTICLE VI.

The Society shall meet on the first Wednesday evening of each month, the Pastor conducting or directing the devotional services, and the President presiding the remainder of the time.

ARTICLE VII.

The program for the regular meetings shall include singing, prayer, reading the Scriptures, reading the minutes, recitations, readings, addresses, report of the collectors, the offerings of those who have not otherwise given. unfinished business, new business.

ARTICLE VIII.

The money raised by this society shall be given only to the work of missions.

ARTICLE IX.

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JUNG AMERIKA,	Cleveland, O.,	" 1888

MEETING OF THE CLASSES.

CLASSES.	PLACE.	TIME.	STATED CLERKS AND THEIR P. O. ADDRESSES.
EASTERN SYNOD.			
EAST PENNSYLVANIA	Froemansburg, Pa.	May 13, 1896.	Rev. T. O. Stem, Easton, Pa.
EAST SUSQUEHANNA	Pillow, Pa.	May 11, "	" J. Calvin Leinbach, Sunbury, Pa.
GOSHENHOPPEN	Friedensburg, Pa.	May 12, "	" C. S. Wieand, Pottstown, Pa.
LANCASTER	Shoop's Church, Dauphin Co., Pa.	Apr. 17, "	" D. W. Gerhard, Lancaster, Pa.
LEBANON	Myerstown, Pa.	May 11, "	" J. E. Hiester, D. D., Annville, Pa.
LEHIGH	Slatington, Pa.	May 18, "	" M. H. Diefenderfer, Allentown, Pa.
PHILADELPHIA	Calvary Church, Philadelphia, Pa.	May 12, "	" J. H. Sechler, D. D., 714 N. 15th St., Phila.
SCHUYLKILL	New Jerusalem Church, Schuylkill Co., Pa.	Apr. 20, "	" W. J. Muir, Tremont, Pa.
TOHICKON	Perkasie, Pa.	May 18, "	" N. Z. Snyder, S. Bethlehem, Pa.
WEST SUSQUEHANNA	St. John's Church, Williamsport, Pa.	May 13, "	" W. A. Haas, Selinsgrove, Pa.
WYOMING	Scranton, Pa.	May 6, "	" D. E. Schoedler, Turbotville, Pa.
PITTSBURG SYNOD.			
ALLEGHENY	Evans City, Pa.	May 14, 1896.	Rev. D. N. Harnish, Butler, Pa.
CLARION	Northville, Pa.	June 17, "	" R. C. Crum, Du Bois, Pa.
ST. PAUL'S	Berlin, Pa.	June 11, "	" Geo. E. Limbert, Grove City, Pa.
SOMERSET	Rockwood, Pa.	May 6, "	" E. S. Hassler, Keim, Pa.
WESTMORELAND	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.	May 13, "	" J. F. Snyder, Manor Dale, Pa.
POTOMAC SYNOD.			
CARLISLE	Newport, Pa.	May 14, 1896.	Rev. J. D. Miller, Duncannon, Pa.
GETTYSBURG	Stone Church, Jefferson Charge, Pa.	May 7, "	" T. J. Barkley, D. D., Gettysburg, Pa.
JUNIATA	Marklesburg, Pa.	May 14, "	" J. W. Pontius, Martinsburg, Pa.
MARYLAND	Christ Church, Hagerstown, Md.	May 6, "	" E. R. Deatrick, Woodberry, Md.
MERCERSBURG	Fort Loudon, Pa.	May 7, "	" W. M. Deatrick, D. D., Mercersburg, Pa.
NORTH CAROLINA	Conover, N. C.	May 6, "	" J. C. Leonard, Lexington, N. C.
PORTLAND-OREGON	Salem, Oregon	May 28, "	" J. G. Schmid, Astoria, Ore.
VIRGINIA	Roanoke, Va.	May 6, "	" J. A. Hoffheins, D. D., Martinsburg, W. Va.
ZION'S	Glen Rock, Pa.	May 12, "	" A. Spangler, York, Pa.
OHIO SYNOD.			
EASTERN OHIO	Warren, O.	May 19, 1896.	Rev. G. W. Henning, Osnaburg,*O.
LANCASTER	Canal Winchester, O.	May 26, "	" S. W. Seeman, Columbus, O.
MIAMI	Springboro, O.	Apr. 21, "	" H. M. Herman, D. D., Miamisburg.
ST. JOSEPH	Athens, Mich.	May 7, "	" F. Ware, Athens, Mich.
TIFFIN	Bellevue, O.	Apr. 17, "	" A. H. Zeichel, Bellevue, O.
TUSCARAWAS	Cairo, O.	May 12, "	" E. R. Willard, Akron, O.
NORTHWEST SYNOD.			
CHICAGO	Chicago, Ills.	May 27, 1896.	Rev. A. S. Gekeler, 128 Coburn St., Indiana-
INDIANA	Zion's Church, Terre Haute, Ind.	May 6, "	" S. Romeis, Loran, Ills. [polis, Ind.]
WILWAUKEE	Jackson, Wis.	May 28, "	" H. O. Jörris, Reeseville, Wis.
MINNESOTA	Norwood, Minn.	June 12, "	" J. Otto Vitz, St. Paul's, Minn.
MISSOURI	Boeger's Store, Mo.	May 17, "	" Jacob Bohler, Prairie City, Mo.
NEBRASKA	Sutton, Neb.	May 28, "	" W. Bonekemper, Sutton, Neb.
SHEBOYGAN	Van Dyne, Wis.	Apr. 15, "	" D. W. Vriessen, Timothy, Wis.
SOUTH DAKOTA	Ashley, S. Dak.	June 4, "	" F. A. Rittershaus, Menno, S. Dak.
URSINUS	Melbourne, Ia.	May 28, "	" C. G. Zipp, Wheatland, Iowa.
ZION'S	Huntington, Ind.	June 11, "	" E. Vornholt, Magley, Ind.
CENTRAL SYNOD.			
CINCINNATI	Second Church, Dayton, O.	May 26, 1896.	[Cincinnati, O.]
ERIE	Kelley's Island, O.	May 27, "	Rev. J. Bachman, D. D., 669 Freeman Ave.,
HEIDELBERG	Bluffton, O.	June 11, "	" J. H. C. Roentgen, Cleveland, O.
ST. JOHN'S	Wheeling, W. Va.	May 12, "	" Martin Vitz, New Bremen, O.
German Synod of the East.			
NEW YORK	New York, Suffolk Sta., N. Y.	May 13, 1896.	Rev. C. Brunner, Bridgeport, Conn.
GERMAN MARYLAND	First Church, Washington, D. C.	June 9, "	" H. C. Schlucter, Baltimore, Md.
" PHILADELPHIA	Glassboro, N. J.	May 26, "	" M. F. Dumstry, Philadelphia, Pa.
WEST NEW YORK	Rochester, N. Y.	May 5, "	" C. Gundlach, Rochester, N. Y.
" PENNSYLVANIA	Middle Lancaster, Pa.	May 26, "	" C. Borchers, Zelienople, Pa.
SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR.			
ILLINOIS	Harlem, Ills.	May 13, 1896.	Rev. Joshua Wolbach, Anna, Ill.
IOWA	Maquoketa, Ia.	May 13, "	" D. H. Fouse, Columbus Junction, Ia.
KANSAS	St. Joseph, Ks.	Apr. 23, "	" Geo. W. Remagen, Fairview, Ks.
LINCOLN	Zion's Church, Richardson Co., Neb.	May 7, "	" T. F. Stauffer, Lincoln, Neb.
WICHITA	Emporia, Ks.	Apr. 30, "	" D. B. Shuey, Emporia, Ks.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, 1895.

SYNODS.	Classes.	Ministers.	No. of Congrega- tions.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday- Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday- School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.	
						Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate and Reprobation.										Benevolent Purposes.	Congrega- l Purposes.
Eastern . . .	11	274	514	94,036	51,579	4,657	607	4,825	2,285	77,192	1,430	2	2,070	2,678	617	8,469	70,504	118	\$92,258	\$419,695
Ohio . . .	6	126	228	21,682	6,232	726	623	1,416	905	17,717	357	4	868	382	202	2,923	21,302	30	20,830	113,442
Northwest . .	10	143	218	20,942	14,564	2,015	25	1,068	862	15,137	293	8	483	508	191	718	11,679	37	13,470	101,816
Pittsburg . .	5	73	136	16,276	9,793	832	134	725	508	13,727	358	1	458	297	121	1,230	10,536	12	16,744	73,498
Potomac . .	9	150	306	34,507	20,639	1,929	395	2,059	958	29,896	607	4	564	804	289	3,438	29,778	53	32,078	93,078
German-East .	5	56	56	14,393	10,102	2,295	33	782	792	11,411	95	...	573	485	55	1,084	10,892	14	8,271	82,628
Central . .	4	82	114	19,971	11,722	1,244	58	805	760	14,592	246	8	489	488	105	1,579	14,096	33	17,005	99,912
Interior . .	5	49	66	2,636	1,261	153	90	221	194	2,320	96	...	122	49	56	566	3,421	6	4,578	21,914
Total, 8 Synods,	55	953	1,638	224,443	124,992	13,851	1,965	11,881	7,264	191,992	3,482	27	5,627	5,491	1,636	20,007	172,208	303	\$205,234	\$1,015,983

LITERARY AND THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTIONS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

NAME.	LOCATION.	PRESIDENT.
Franklin and Marshall College,	Lancaster, Pa.,	J. S. STAHR, PH. D., D. D.
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Catawba College,	Newton, N. C.,	J. C. CLAPP, D. D.
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Eastern Theological Seminary,	Lancaster, Pa.,	E. V. GERHART, D. D., LL. D.
Western Theological Seminary,	Tiffin, O.,	D. VAN HORNE, D. D.
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Frederick College for Women,	Frederick, Md.,	J. H. APPLE, A. M.

AGED MINISTERS IN OUR CHURCH.

"Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honor the face of the old man."—Lev. 19: 12.

All of the following Ministers are still living, and have been ordained over fifty years:

NAME.	ORDAINED.	ADDRESS.
REV. R. DUENGER, D. D.,	1834	Ashland, Pa.
REV. J. KERCHER,	1836	Bloomington, Ills.
REV. GEO. W. WILLIARD, D. D., LL. D.,	1840	Collegeville, Pa.
REV. JOHN NAILLE,	1841	Hatfield, Pa.
REV. E. V. GERHART, D. D., LL. D.,	1841	Lancaster, Pa.
REV. D. KROH,	1841	East Saginaw, Mich.
REV. H. ST. J. RINKER,	1844	Mauertown, Va.
REV. F. A. RUPLEY, D. D.,	1844	Martinsburg, Pa.
REV. P. D. SCHORY,	1844	Lancaster, O.
REV. L. B. SCHWARTZ,	1845	Boston, Mass.
REV. REUBEN GOOD,	1845	Tiffin, O.
REV. HORACE DANIEL,	1845	Washington, N. J.
REV. THEODORE APPEL, D. D.,	1845	Lancaster, Pa.
REV. GEO. W. AUGINBAUGH, D. D.,	1846	Greenvillage, Pa.
REV. S. N. CALLENDER, D. D.,	1846	Mechanicsburg, Pa.
REV. BENJ. KNEPPER,	1846	Wellersburg, Pa.
REV. L. D. LEBERMAN,	1846	Philadelphia, Pa.
REV. GEO. L. STALEY, D. D.,	1846	Baltimore, Md.
REV. J. VOGT,	1846	Delaware, O.

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

BEING A TRIENNIAL EXHIBIT FOR THE LAST TWENTY-ONE YEARS.

	1872	1875	1878	1881	1884	1887	1890	1893
Synods,	4	6	6	6	7	7	8	8
Classes,	35	44	45	48	52	54	56	55
Ministers,	586	631	710	762	783	802	846	923
Congregations,	1,312	1,342	1,369	1,403	1,465	1,481	1,570	1,591
Members,	130,299	142,872	147,788	161,002	169,530	183,980	202,833	216,436
Members Unconfirmed,	73,288	87,120	90,993	96,147	103,112	108,729	111,240	122,926
Baptisms, given year,	12,487	13,500	13,203	14,309	13,682	15,940	14,471	14,455
Baptisms, in 3 years,	38,605	41,272	40,943	43,750	41,825	46,553	45,648	43,321
Confirmed, given year,	7,462	8,766	8,456	9,113	9,233	10,733	10,292	10,565
Confirmed, in 3 years,	23,247	25,233	26,753	28,240	27,223	30,558	31,116	32,854
Certificate, given year,	3,369	3,733	3,716	4,113	5,043	5,582	6,721	7,114
Certificate, in 3 years,	9,889	10,912	11,184	12,263	14,046	16,472	10,630	21,610
Communed,	109,507	116,000	120,681	132,709	136,897	146,436	159,189	172,921
Dismissed, given year,	1,454	1,725	1,566	2,249	2,122	2,551	3,024	3,535
Dismissed, in 3 years,	4,762	5,000	5,185	5,791	5,819	7,250	6,614	10,395
Excommunicated or Erased, given year,	318	387	174	1,626	1,767	2,419	3,318	3,891
Excommunicated or Erased, in 3 years,	722	920	1,711	4,436	5,578	6,469	8,928	11,653
Deaths, given year,	4,425	4,494	4,887	4,591	4,787	4,638	4,792	5,180
Deaths, in 3 years,	12,594	12,000	14,102	14,492	15,292	14,207	14,888	16,991
Sunday-Schools,	1,021	1,220	1,237	1,346	1,378	1,422	1,536	1,581
Sunday-School Scholars,	63,038	75,868	89,982	103,511	114,720	122,695	140,026	154,144
Students for Ministry,	75	123	157	141	145	186	299	284
Beneficial Contributions, given year,	\$86,650	\$79,680	\$61,727	73,400	101,148	\$ 141,122	211,617	219,919
Beneficial Contributions, in 3 years,	247,387	253,766	207,417	194,869	327,899	382,493	520,165	664,677
Congregational Purposes, given year,	310,000	531,929	630,189	779,572	804,321	937,051	983,593	
Congregational Purposes, in 3 years,	700,000	1,305,905	1,738,213	2,193,018	2,298,228	2,678,957	2,968,785	

FORM FOR BEQUESTS.

In making a bequest to one or more benevolent objects, it is important that a proper form be used; otherwise the intent of the testator may be defeated. Hence we suggest the following:

"I give and bequeath to the 'Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States,' located at Lancaster, Pa., the sum of.....dollars; to 'Franklin and Marshall College,' located at Lancaster, Pa., the sum ofdollars; to the 'Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church of the United States,' of which Elder J. J. Nissley, of Hummelstown, Pa., is at present Treasurer, the sum of.....dollars; to the 'Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States,' the sum of.....dollars; to the 'Board of Education of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States,' of which Rev. Charles G. Fisher is at present Treasurer, the sum of.....dollars; to the 'Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac,' of which Rev. William M. Deatrick, is at present Treasurer, the sum of.....dollars; to the 'Board of Beneficiary Education of the Pittsburgh Synod,' of which Rev. Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher, is at present Treasurer, the sum of.....dollars; to the 'Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States,' located in Philadel-

phia, Pa., the sum of.....dollars; to the 'Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States,' the sum of.....dollars; to 'Bethany Orphans' Home,' located at Womelsdorf, Pa., the sum of.....dollars; and to 'St. Paul's Orphans' Home,' located at Butler, Pa., the sum of.....dollars. The several sums thus bequeathed to be used by the respective Associations for the general purposes of their organization."

ADDITIONAL BOARDS OF MISSIONS.

German Synod of the East.—Pres., Rev. P. H. Dippell, Philadelphia; Sec., Rev. W. Walenta, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Treas., Elder Geo. M. Ehrlen, Philadelphia.

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Eastern and Potomac Synods.—Pres., Rev. J. O. Miller, D. D., York, Pa.; Sec., Rev. E. N. Kremer, Harrisburg, Pa.; Treas., J. J. Nissley, Hummelstown, Pa.

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS OF REFORMED CHURCH, BY SYNODS.

Year.	Total Ministers.	Total Members.	Eastern Synod.	Ohio Synod.	Synod of the Northwest.	Pittsburgh Synod.	Potomac Synod.	German Synod of the East.	Central Synod.	Synod of the Interior.	Total Benevolent Cont.
1870	522	116,529	\$46,265 70	\$11,119 98	\$ 9,954 35	\$ 8,558 96	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$76,000 64
1871	560	124,143	66,901 60	7,257 08	5,840 46	6,043 97	.....	.....	.....	.....	86,043 11
1872	574	128,771	45,561 29	8,323 11	5,029 71	8,056 19	.....	.....	.....	.....	60,970 30
1873	595	132,195	42,368 65	10,771 56	7,356 87	9,936 00	\$20,964 11	.....	.....	.....	91,427 19
1874	600	135,600	41,101 67	12,767 02	8,466 45	11,157 89	12,724 92	.....	.....	.....	80,217 95
1875	623	142,118	40,390 11	10,419 27	8,887 44	13,462 40	11,416 09	\$4,491 83	.....	.....	88,117 09
1876	650	143,609	36,367 50	7,828 00	9,988 00	7,063 00	13,144 41	3,706 00	.....	.....	78,096 41
1877	680	146,901	31,037 00	9,404 00	6,940 00	5,950 13	13,923 21	3,987 00	.....	.....	68,261 21
1878	710	147,788	22,782 00	7,032 00	7,980 00	5,816 00	13,923 00	4,194 00	.....	.....	61,727 00
1879	734	154,742	19,824 00	9,089 00	17,342 00	5,180 00	11,471 00	3,331 00	.....	.....	66,237 00
1880	746	161,002	27,734 00	6,834 00	12,655 00	6,457 00	16,019 00	3,802 00	.....	.....	73,401 00
1881	752	163,669	35,859 00	18,816 00	12,109 00	7,249 00	15,239 00	3,665 00	.....	.....	92,937 00
1882	767	166,586	37,956 00	11,724 00	5,658 00	49,100 00	14,093 00	5,349 00	\$7,927 00	.....	133,816 00
1883	783	169,530	37,158 00	11,915 00	8,580 00	11,898 00	17,355 00	5,589 00	8,653 00	.....	101,148 00
1884	780	172,949	45,705 00	10,783 13	12,617 00	11,076 49	29,068 90	6,978 00	10,156 00	.....	127,284 52
1885	788	177,037	47,205 00	11,082 00	9,711 00	8,614 00	21,928 00	5,653 00	9,889 00	.....	114,087 00
1886	802	183,980	59,744 00	14,825 00	10,252 00	8,824 00	32,912 00	5,662 00	8,893 00	.....	141,122 00
1887	822	190,527	60,931 00	13,203 00	13,573 00	11,308 00	30,366 00	6,223 00	8,769 00	\$2,924 00	147,297 00
1888	823	194,344	69,178 00	14,687 00	11,641 00	19,197 00	36,727 00	6,523 00	12,530 00	1,767 00	171,250 00
1889	835	200,492	71,433 00	12,713 00	12,194 00	10,711 00	32,231 00	9,571 00	9,513 00	2,712 00	161,078 00
1890	856	203,858	75,416 00	33,234 00	13,585 00	24,331 00	37,729 00	8,286 00	10,294 00	2,320 00	205,195 00
1891	867	208,080	78,925 00	15,258 00	16,581 00	42,197 00	32,074 00	7,629 00	13,189 00	2,523 00	208,376 00
1892	885	212,830	119,285 00	26,452 63	14,754 00	21,001 00	28,653 31	9,996 00	13,202 00	2,978 00	236,231 94
1893	922	216,433	94,611 00	18,762 00	14,886 00	28,165 00	40,457 00	7,710 00	12,014 00	3,314 00	219,919 00
1894	938	221,473	140,726 00	16,421 00	14,487 00	20,166 00	39,636 00	9,399 00	13,958 00	3,263 00	257,956 00
1895	953	224,443	91,429 00	20,830 00	13,470 00	16,744 00	32,078 00	8,438 00	17,005 00	3,578 00	203,572 00

TABLE OF FESTIVALS.

Year.	New Years Day.	Ash Wednesday.	Easter.	Whit Sunday.	Trinity Sunday.	Year.	New Years Day.	Ash Wednesday.	Easter.	Whit Sunday.	Trinity Sunday.
1895 ..	Tuesday ..	February 27	April 14 ..	June 2 ..	.. 24 ..	1904 ..	Friday ..	February 17	April 3 ..	May 22 ..	.. 25 ..
1896 ..	Wednesday	February 19	April 5 ..	May 25 ..	.. 25 ..	1905 ..	Sunday ..	March 8 ..	April 23 ..	June 11 ..	.. 23 ..
1897 ..	Friday ..	March 3 ..	April 18 ..	June 6 ..	.. 23 ..	1906 ..	Monday ..	February 28	April 15 ..	June 3 ..	.. 24 ..
1898 ..	Saturday ..	February 23	April 10 ..	May 29 ..	.. 24 ..	1907 ..	Tuesday ..	February 13	March 31 ..	May 19 ..	.. 26 ..
1899 ..	Sunday ..	February 15	April 2 ..	May 21 ..	.. 26 ..	1908 ..	Wednesday	March 4 ..	April 19 ..	June 7 ..	.. 23 ..
1900 ..	Monday ..	February 28	April 15 ..	June 3 ..	.. 24 ..	1909 ..	Friday ..	February 24	April 11 ..	May 30 ..	.. 24 ..
1901 ..	Tuesday ..	February 20	April 7 ..	May 27 ..	.. 25 ..	1910 ..	Saturday ..	February 9	March 27 ..	May 15 ..	.. 25 ..
1902 ..	Wednesday	February 12	March 30 ..	May 18 ..	.. 26 ..	1911 ..	Sunday ..	March 1 ..	April 16 ..	June 4 ..	.. 24 ..
1903 ..	Thursday ..	February 25	April 11 ..	May 31 ..	.. 24 ..	1912 ..	Monday ..	February 21	April 7 ..	May 26 ..	.. 25 ..

MEETING OF SYNODS.

SYNODS.	PLACE OF MEETING.	TIME.	STATED CLERK.
GENERAL ..	Trinity Church, Dayton, O.	May 27, 1896.	I. H. Reiter, D. D., Miamisburg, O.
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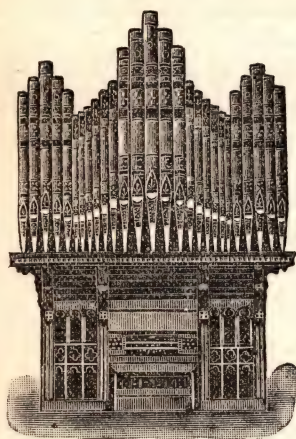
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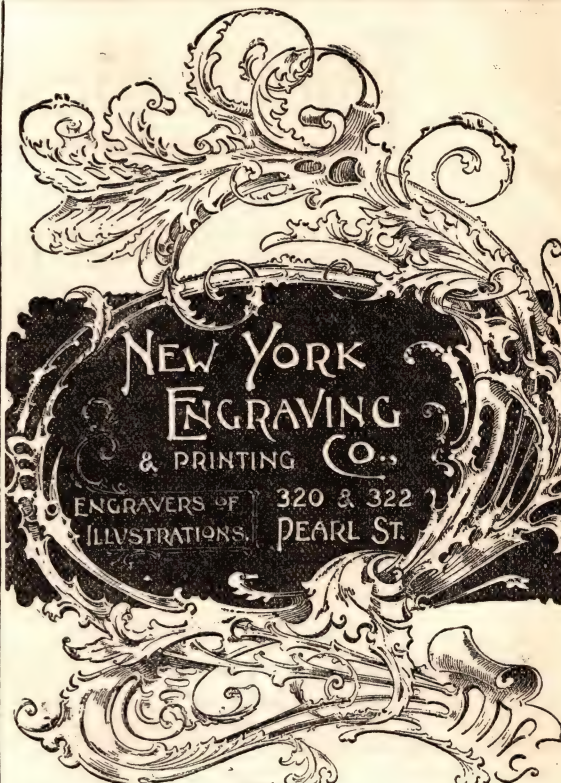
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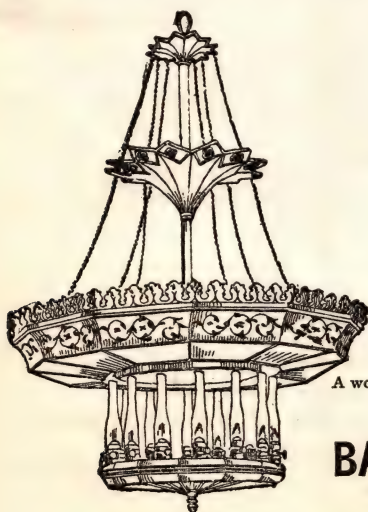
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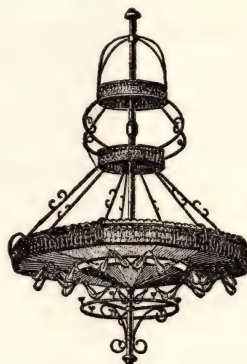
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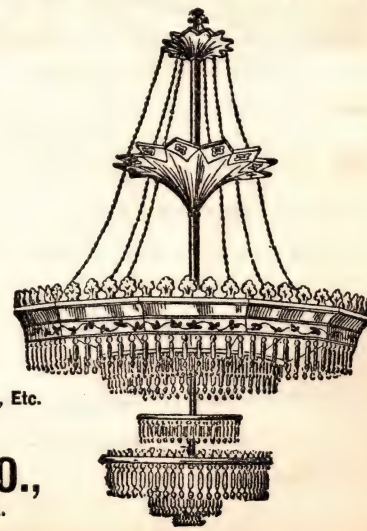
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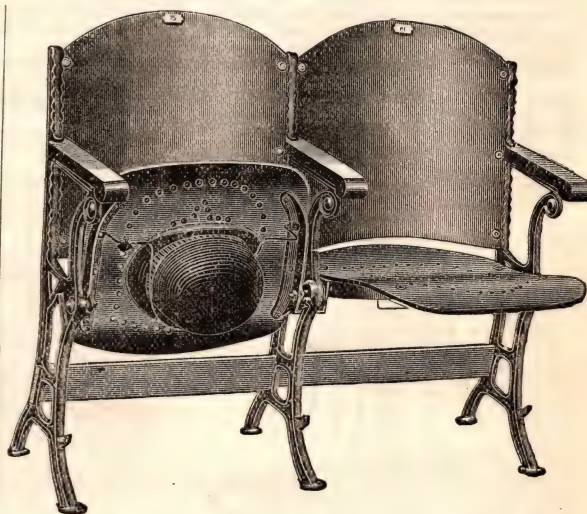
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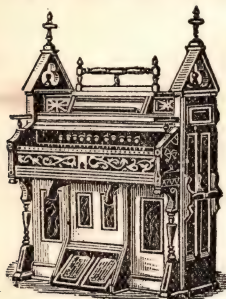
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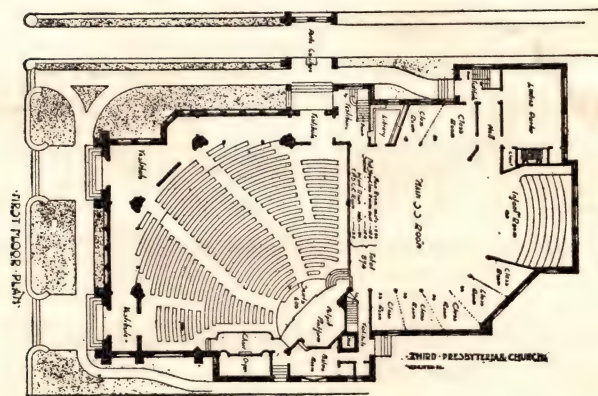
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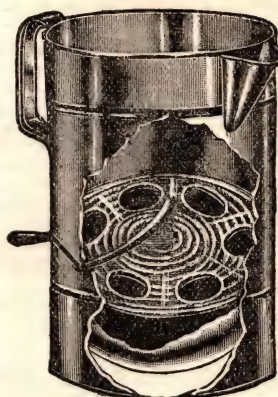
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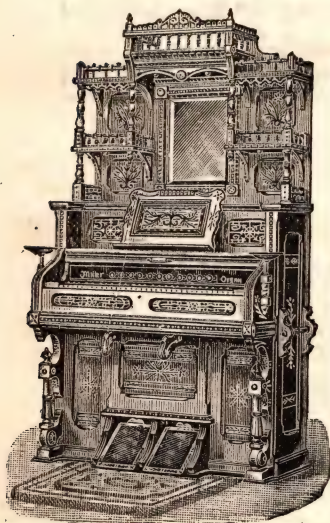
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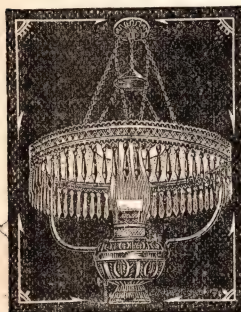
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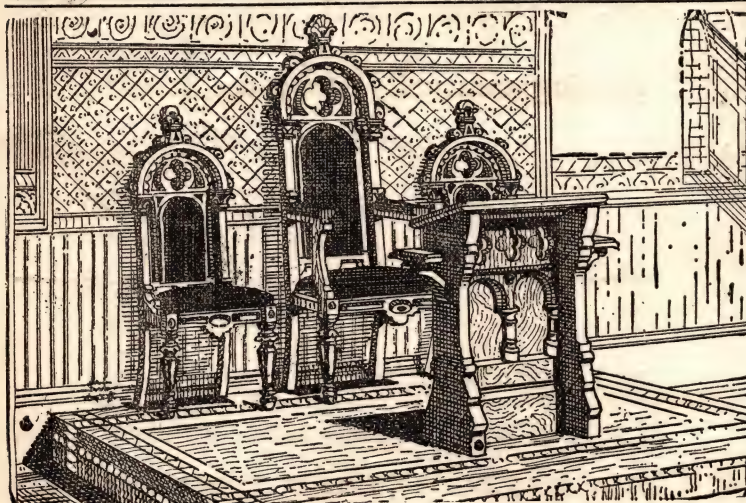
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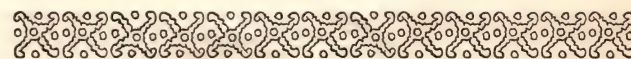
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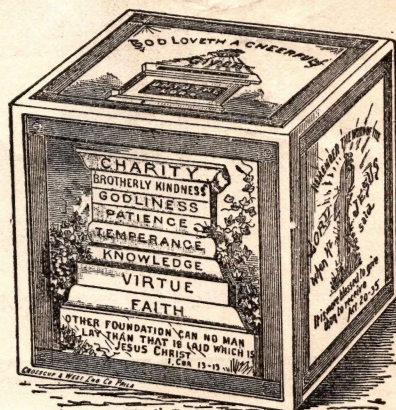
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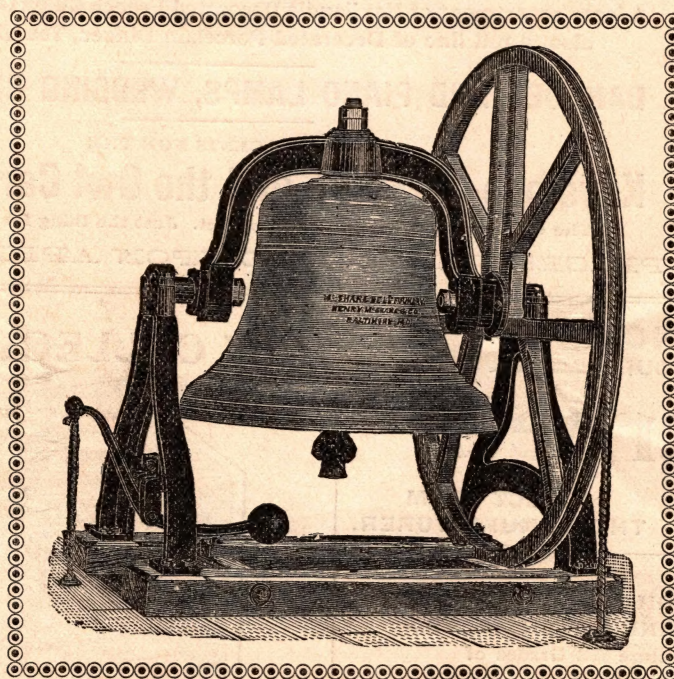
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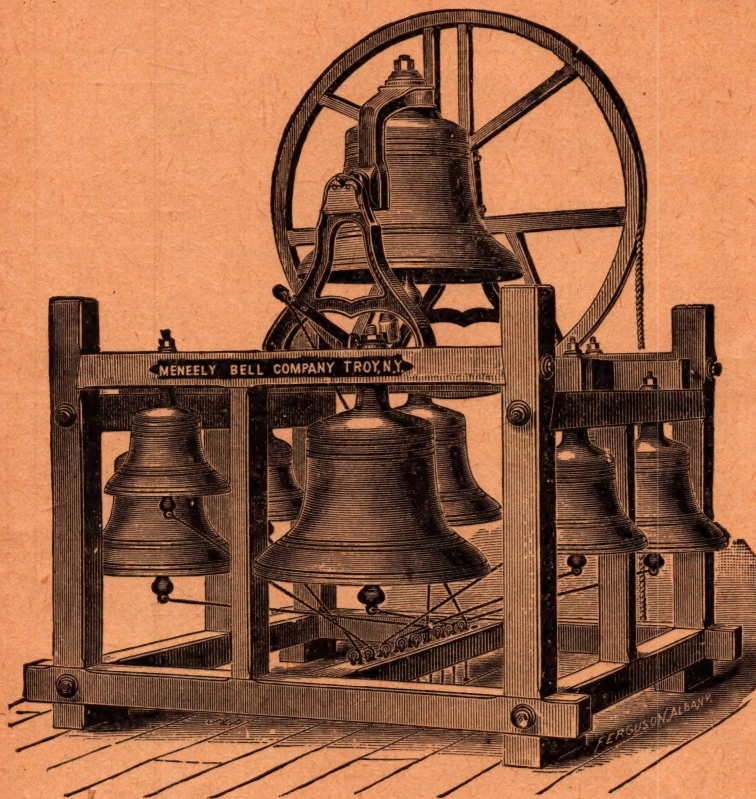
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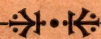
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